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The Stolen Stone

Offer To Mediate For Its Recovery

London, Jan. 10.

A scion of a famous Scottish clan offered today to act as a go-between for the recovery of the snatched Coronation Stone of Britain.

The offer came from Capt. H. Stuart Wheatley-Crowe, founder and head of the Royal Stuart Society, a group devoted to keeping green the memory of the long-defunct Royal Stuart line.

The stone—known North of the border as "Scotland's Stone of Destiny"—was yanked from under the Coronation chair in Westminster Abbey in a daring raid early Christmas day.

Ardent patriots from the highlands are believed by detectives to have brought off the coup.

FRANTIC SEARCH

Wheatley-Crowe issued his offer from his home near Lynton, Hampshire.

He said if those in the know will address him "anonymously" or through some "third party," he will undertake to negotiate a peaceful settlement or solution.

So far a frantic nation-wide search has turned up no trace of the stone except an identifying plaque, found in a bomb ruin 600 yards from the Abbey.

The stone originally stood in Stone Abbey, in Perthshire. The Kings of Scotland were crowned on it from 840 AD until its seizure in 1296 by Edward I of England.

It was then placed on a shelf under the seat of the Coronation Throne in Westminster and 27 British monarchs have been crowned on it, including King George VI.

Scottish Nationalists have never ceased to demand its return.—Associated Press.

Bishop In Dock For Six Hours

Bratislava, Jan. 10.

A Roman Catholic Bishop, Jan Vojtassak of Spis, was in the dock for over six hours here today before a seven-member State Court trying him for high treason and espionage.

Bishop Vojtassak, who is 72, said that he had never used the pulpit for political purposes.

He admitted being the author of the series of reports obtained from his parishioners and sent to his Church superiors.

The Judge said that all these reports contained espionage matter.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Only Visible Cloud

SIR Arthur Morse, who is in a better position than most to appreciate the current situation vis-a-vis Hong-kong, has expressed the opinion that there is no undue cause for anxiety, and we are confident, judging by the manner in which the announcement of the voluntary evacuation of American families has been received, that the Colony as a whole shares Sir Arthur's view.

Sir Arthur pertinently points out that far from feeling there is any need to consider evacuation, the British authorities are continuing to send the wives and families of servicemen to Hong-kong—an unthinkable action if there existed the slightest evidence of trouble in the foreseeable future. Moreover, all reports from the border confirm the impression that Hong-kong is going to be left in peace. As distinct from 1940, there are no concentrations of potentially hostile troops massed on the other side of the frontier; on the contrary there is evidence that the Chinese Communists have withdrawn the pick of their troops from Kwang-tung, leaving just sufficient for ordinary police work. There is, in fact, good foundation for such a reassuring statement as that made by Sir Arthur Morse. The only visible cloud is the growing effect of the American embargo on local industries, and that this is not a figment of the imagination is proved by the decision of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to lodge a written protest with the American Consulate-General, and the announcement that Mr. A. G. Clarke, Director of Commerce and Industry is going to

Early-Morning "Joy-Ride" Ends In Tragedy

Car Lands In Harbour: One Man Killed, One Missing

Of five men who went for a "joy-ride" at four o'clock this morning one is now dead, one missing and the others treated for shock and cuts in Queen Mary Hospital.

The car in which they were travelling along Connaught Road Central left the road opposite the Harbour Office and plunged over the Praya wall into the sea.

One of passengers, Hui Kwok-ngoi aged 37, of 45 Fort Street first floor, pinned inside the car, was drowned.

Driver of the car, Tam Wah aged 27, of 187 Des Voeux Road West, second floor, and two passengers Sung Chit-sang, 30 and Tam Wing, 29, were rescued by the crew of the No. 1 Fire Boat which was lying alongside a nearby wharf.

The fifth occupant of the car, Ng Ming-wan, 25, of the Mi Lih Company, was seen swimming towards the Marine Wharf by a constable on board a Police Launch but disappeared in the water before he could be reached.

The rescued driver and two passengers were sent to Queen Mary Hospital where they were treated for shock and cuts. All three, however, were discharged after their clothing had been dried.

According to the driver, Tam Wah, he and his four passengers were out for a joy-ride to enjoy the morning breeze.

Shortly after dawn a breakdown truck from Gilman and Company went to the scene of the accident and salvaged the car from the water. In the back of the car the body of Hui was found.

The whole of the roof of the car, a Hillman Minx number HK 1686, was badly damaged and the front windows were smashed in.

The Traffic Department is investigating the cause of the accident and statements were being taken from the three survivors earlier this morning.

More Huks Killed

Manila, Jan. 11.

Government forces, continuing their campaign against Communist Hukbalahaps in Central Luzon, reportedly killed six Huks during past 24 hours.

A delayed report to Philippine Army Headquarters said 30 Huks raided the village of Awallon, near Baguio, Cagayan province, Sunday night. The Huks took firearms, money, clothing and jewellery from villagers.—Associated Press.

Khartoum, Jan. 10.

Prince Aly Khan and Rita Hayworth left here today by private plane for Nairobi. They arrived here on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

US MAKES DECISION ON JAPAN

Washington, Jan. 10.

Authoritative sources said today that the United States has abandoned all hope of a general peace conference on Japan and will try to negotiate separate alliances for the termination of the state of war between the Allies and Japan.

The sources said that Mr. John Foster Dulles, who is in charge of treaty arrangements, will go to Tokyo before the end of January to explain the American position to General MacArthur and the Japanese. The American position as it exists today is in favour of a "round robin" sort of agreement on the termination of the state of war with Japan.

The American idea, which has been formulated by Mr. Dulles after consultations with the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, and State Secretary Mr. Dean Acheson, is that it would be unwise to try to hold a general peace conference at this time.

For that reason, the American Government has decided to proceed on the principle that "silence gives consent" and go ahead with peace arrangements with Japan.—United Press.

He is expected to reaffirm that the Indian role is essentially an independent one in world affairs and that India wants no part of East-West rivalries.

INDIA'S ATTITUDE

The Indian Government's views doubtless will be conveyed in time to the nations of Europe including Russia, by individual envoys.

Mr. Nehru has stressed more than once at the Commonwealth talks that India's main objective is to strengthen international peace that India greatly regrets the world arms race and, indeed, is cutting down her own defence spending even though the world situation is growing more serious, and that she recognises the new Communist regime in China has come to stay as a major force in Asia and the world.

India, therefore, would seek to work with Red China in a friendly way.

India's chief delegate at the United Nations, Sir Benegal Rau, will probably attend the talks. He is due soon to fly to Europe from New York to confer with Nehru and his advisers on latest developments in the Far Eastern crisis.

With the Indian Prime Minister will be G. Shankar Bajpai, head of the Republic's Foreign Office, and M. O. Mathai, Nehru's special assistant.—Associated Press.

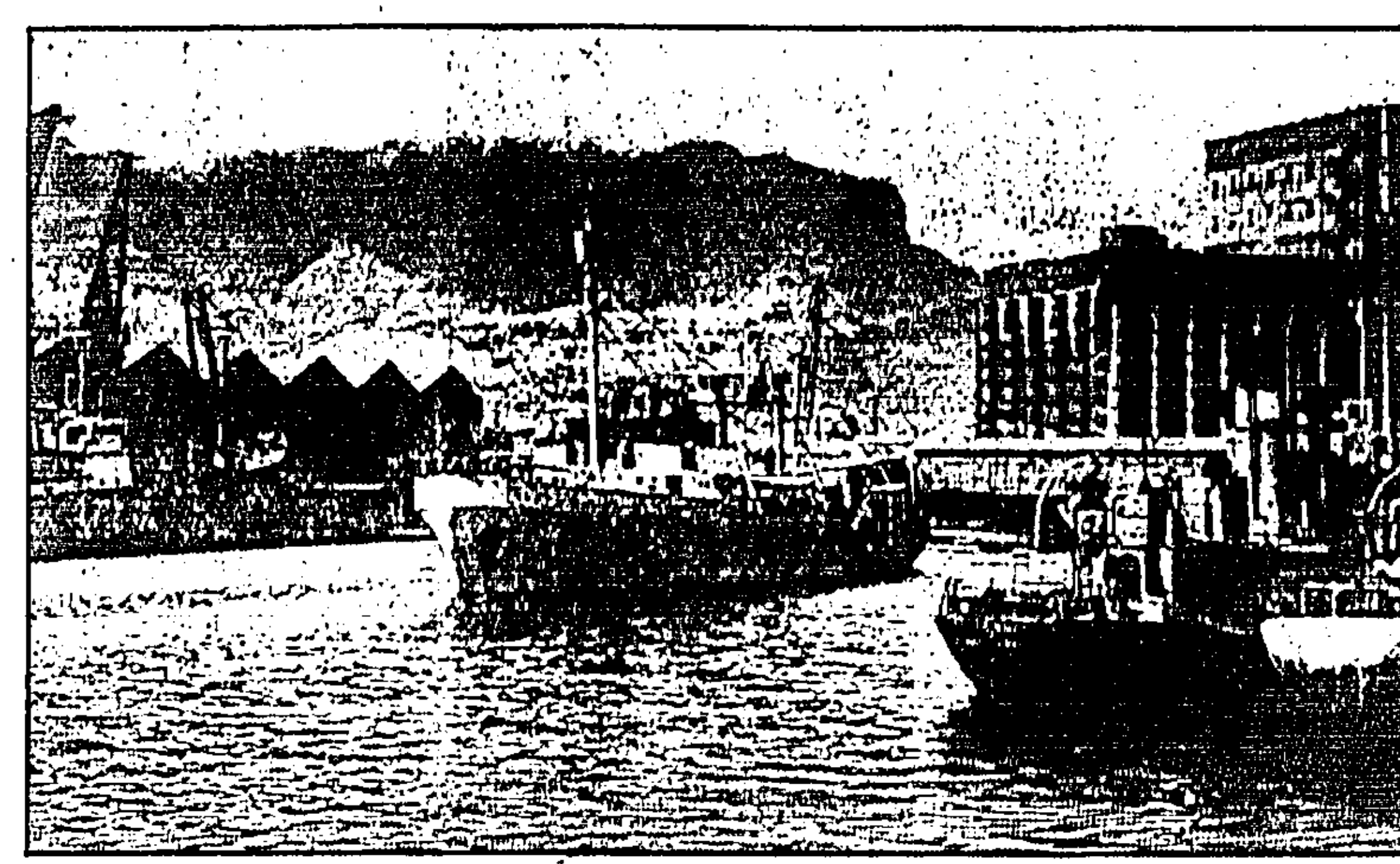
Americans To Leave Bangkok

Bangkok, Jan. 10.

Four American firms here have been ordered by their local offices to evacuate wives and children of American personnel immediately.

A spokesman of one of the firms said the action was a "common sense move." He pointed out many of those affected had been interned in various parts of the Far East by the Japanese during the last war. "The move will not affect operation of the firms involved," the spokesman added.—Associated Press.

Expedition Heads For Antarctic



The NORSF Expedition has now left for the Antarctic. They expect to reach Maudheim, on Queen's Maud Land, round about January 15, and this will be their last touch with civilisation for many weeks. This picture shows the NORSF leaving Cape Town at the start of the long journey.

UN Patrol Enters, Then Leaves Wonju

With The US Second Division in Korea, Jan. 11.

An American patrol which battled its way into the central Korean rail and highway hub of Wonju pulled out of the town last night.

One mile and a half South of the town, the UN forces ran into enemy fire from an estimated two enemy platoons.

A fight developed but there were no reports of results this morning.

The patrol had driven into Wonju from the Southeast along the road from Chechon. It left Wonju on the Southward road along which UN forces have been attacking toward the town against heavy opposition.—Associated Press.

Chinese Communist Aggression

Manila, Jan. 11.

Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo is carrying to Washington the Philippines government decision to back the United States in a firm stand in the United Nations against Chinese Communist aggression.

Mr. Romulo also will inform Washington officials that the administration of President Elpidio Quirino will insist on reparations payments from Japan in any peace treaty discussions. The Philippines, however, will not oppose rearming Japan under proper safeguards.

These decisions were reached by Quirino, Romulo and top-level government leaders in a round of conference which concluded just before the Secretary boarded a plane for the United States to lay before the United Nations and State Department officials a plea for additional aid for the defence of the islands.

JAPAN MUST PAY

Romulo himself disclosed in a last minute press statement at the airport that the Philippines will urge the United Nations to brand Communist China as aggressor and will join in any sanctions against the Sino-Reds which may be adopted.

The decisions in regard to Japan were revealed by Manila sources, who said it has been definitely decided that regardless of the attitude of the United States, the Philippines insists that Japan must pay for the damage caused here by her aggression.

The Philippines' attitude on rearming Japan has changed since the Communists on the mainland disclosed their aggressive position. It is now believed here that Japan asked be permitted at least defensive armament if assurances can be given that Nippon will not be armed to the point where she can again become a menace to her neighbours.—Associated Press.

Protest Made To Belgrade

Frankfurt, Jan. 10.

It was reported today that Hungary has sent a protest note to Belgrade, accusing Yugoslavia of "covering up" the crimes of their border guards.

The Hungarian propaganda radio charged that a 13-year-old boy, who "wandered into Yugoslav territory," was arrested by the border guards and "badly beaten on several occasions." It said that after months of imprisonment the youngster was allowed to return to Hungary.—United Press.

Britain's Gold Reserves

Make Big Jump But Still Too Low

London, Jan. 10.

The gold and dollar reserves of Britain and the Sterling Area jumped by \$544 million at the end of last year, the Treasury announced today.

They amounted to \$3,300 million on December 31, 1950, compared with \$2,756 million at the end of September.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told a press conference that the reserves were still too low.

But the nation faced the formidable problems of the future with its economy basically much stronger than it was a year ago, he added.

During the last quarter of 1950, the Sterling Area's net gold and dollar assets amounted to \$308 million compared with the surplus of \$187 million in the third quarter of the year and \$180 million in the second quarter.

Reimbursement of expenditure and other forms of assistance under the European Recovery Programme amounted to \$140 million in the fourth quarter compared with \$147 million in the third and \$240 million in the second.

SPECIAL FACTORS

Announcing the figures, the Treasury emphasised that a number of special factors unconnected with the quarter's current trade and payments contributed to the large net surplus at the end of the year.

These probably accounted for over one-third of the total.

In particular there was an inflow of funds from North America, mainly in anticipation of future commercial needs.

This was likely to reduce correspondingly the Sterling Area's dollar receipts for some months to come.

At his press conference, Mr. Gaitskell warned, "In spite of the progress made last year it is not going to be easy for us to pay our way abroad in 1951."

Because of the rise in import prices the same amount of goods imported in 1950 might cost the nation £400 million extra this year.

He described Britain's economic recovery in 1950 as a "real success story."

MAJOR PROBLEMS

"After all that has been achieved the prospect of our standard of living is disappointingly gloomy," he added.

He listed three major economic problems which will face Britain during 1951: the impact of rearmament on industry, the scarcity of raw materials and a continuous rise in the prices of imports.

The nation's industrial production during the year increased by nine per cent on 1949. Since the numbers employed were only up by one and a half per cent the output per man year was seven per cent higher, Mr. Gaitskell said.—Reuter.

Train Smash In Storm

Larbert, Scotland, Jan. 10.

A train crash in a thick snowstorm today killed one person and injured at least 18 others.

The wreck occurred when the Perth-Glasgow express plied into a switch engine at Alloa Junction, three miles north of this Stirlingshire village.

A passenger train bound in the opposite direction was flagged down and carried the injured to hospitals in Stirling.—Associated Press.

SINGAPORE QUITE SAFE

Singapore, Jan. 10.

The Singapore government has asked the Malayan Information Agency in London to take immediate steps to correct an erroneous impression among the British people that Singapore is unsafe following the Bertha Hertogh riots of December.

Several commercial firms have received letters from prospective employees in the UK declining to accept posts for which they had previously applied.

One such letter stated: "I must confess the recent news of rioting and murder in Singapore has caused me to change my mind completely about continuing to seek the post."

I can see no reason deliberately to set myself in the way of such danger as this."

A government spokesman suggested that British firms write home letters clarifying the present position here.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

N. KOREANS ATTACK

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

Communist troops in Wonju attacked the United Nations troops before dawn today, and front-line reports said that an all-out drive down through Central Korea seemed to be shaping up.

North Korean troops of 10,000 strong charged out of Wonju in a blinding snowstorm yesterday and beat back a tank-led Task Force of the Second Division from the edge of the strategic transport centre in the ice-glazed mountains of Central Korea.

The five-mile gain of the American, French and Dutch troops, in the first attack of the Allies this year, was wiped out in the first hours of the Communist surge out of Wonju in the face of a deadly artillery barrage.

About 5 a.m. today a heavy small arms and mortar assault hit the Dutch contingent of the Allied force, a United Press correspondent reported from the Second Division area.—United Press.



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Big Reward Out For Terrorists

Singapore, Jan. 10.
Prices for "dead or alive" terrorists, ranging from \$750,000 (about \$7,000) for the Secretary-General of the Communist Party Executive to \$150,000 for ordinary Party members have been proclaimed by the Malayan Federal Government.
Aircraft have dropped leaflets announcing these prices in 277 areas of Malaya.—Reuter.

A Factor Not To Be Ignored

London, Jan. 10.
Mr Louis St. Laurent, the Prime Minister of Canada, in a broadcast from London tonight, said that the free world dared not ignore the fact that the Soviet Union was armed to the teeth.

He said: "We are not prepared to surrender our freedoms for the kind of peace that have behind the Iron Curtain."

He thought the North Atlantic Alliance was "a second best," organised because the United Nations had not supplied "the sense of security we hoped to achieve."

But it was more encouraging to find that by its actions in Korea the United Nations had "restored some of the hopes we held for that organisation at its birth."

Mr St. Laurent re-emphasised his conception of the importance of Asian participation in the Commonwealth of Nations. "The accession of India, Pakistan and Ceylon to the Commonwealth would be the greatest event in Commonwealth history, 'if we succeed in making the Commonwealth a genuine bridge of understanding between East and West.'"

All the world needed the "mutual respect and understanding we are striving to maintain with the Commonwealth."

Mr St. Laurent concluded: "The Commonwealth today points the way to the ultimate goal in which peace and brotherhood will be the ideals of men and nations everywhere."—Reuter.

Bearded Soviet Envoy At The Elysee



The Soviet Ambassador to France, M. Pavlov, leaves the Elysee Palace after visiting President Auriol with New Year good wishes. — London Express Service.

Main Theatre In Europe

Palo Alto, California, Jan. 10.
Retired Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz warned today that Europe not the Far East is the primary theatre of the present world conflict.

In a speech, Adm Nimitz said that the United States must not become involved in war with China. He said: "European nations have the facilities and manpower to build an invincible war machine," and indicated that America must be prepared to prevent aggression from that flank.

He called on the United States to do all it can to support the United Nations. He said, "In doing so we can have 50 to 60 nations on our side and while many of these cannot offer material support, at least they are not serving the enemy."

Admiral Nimitz stated that at the end of the war, Russia was as tired of war as were the Americans, British and Chinese. He added that had America maintained a reasonable defensive organisation it would not be in a position as it is today.—United Press.

Outside the normal machinery for consultation between Congress and the Government he was willing to talk with any members of the Republican Party.

Asked if he had any plans for calling in Senator Taft to discuss foreign policy matters, Mr Acheson replied that he had nothing specific in mind.

UN'S FUTURE
When he was asked about Senator Taft's charge that the United Nations had become merely a debating society, Mr Acheson replied that that was exactly one of the United Nations' functions.

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Cease-Fire Discussions Run Into Snags Over Procedure REJECTION BY INDIA OF ISRAELI SCHEME

Lake Success, Jan. 10.
Diplomatic sources said today that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, rejected the Israeli peace plan for Korea as impracticable because of its insistence on setting a cease-fire as a prerequisite for negotiations with Communist China.

The plan, however, has the support of the United States and two other members of the United Nations Cease-fire Commission.

The plan, which was submitted last week by the Israeli delegate, Mr Abba Eban, provides that an immediate cease-fire should be the first step in any settlement of the Korean question.

It calls for Chinese and Soviet participation in the Korean commission, calls for withdrawal of all foreign troops and urges the United Nations to consider its relationship with Peking as a matter of urgency after cease-fire arrangements have been completed.

The plan was despatched to Mr Nehru in London to obtain his views and those of other Commonwealth members. Sources near the Indian delegation said Mr Nehru rejected the plan because it reflected what was said to be the American position of categorical refusal to talk with Peking prior to a cease-fire.

Mr Nehru was said to have stressed that the only manner of settling the Korean issue was to synchronise negotiations with a cease-fire in view of Peking's rejection of the original proposal of the United Nations cease-fire group that an armistice be arranged first and then be followed by talks on the whole pattern of Far Eastern problems.

Sources recalled the conclusion of United Nations mediators that under the present circumstances no recommendations could be made and said Mr Nehru believed that negotiations with Peking could be resumed only if the Chinese feared that a cease-fire would not be followed by a conference could be called.

BRITISH PLAN
The chief Indian delegate, Sir Benegal Rau, was understood to have communicated this view to the General Assembly President, Mr Nasrallah Entezam, and the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, his colleagues on the cease-fire team. Both Mr Entezam and Mr Pearson favour the Israeli plan and there was speculation whether Sir Benegal would refuse to participate in the group's recommendation of the plan.

The Cease-fire Commission is likely to present it to the Political Committee, which convenes on Thursday afternoon, as one of the possibilities for a Korean settlement.

Meanwhile, the Indian delegation is said to have planned to go to London to consult Mr Nehru but no date has yet been determined for the trip.

The United States, while continuing intensive consultations with the other delegations, was marking time to "normalise" the cease-fire group to come forward with recommendations for ending the Korean war before presenting its demand for branding Peking an aggressor.

British sources said today that the Commonwealth countries hoped to have an "intermediate" plan for ending the Korean war ready for presentation to the United Nations on Thursday. They said if the plan were preserved, it would probably contain six points put before the Commonwealth Prime Ministers by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, although the sequence of the points might be changed.

The sources said advice from London indicated that the Commonwealth conference hoped to agree on an "intermediate" plan in the British capital on Thursday in time for Sir Gladwyn Jebb, the British representative to the United Nations, to put it before the Political Committee.

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Three-Man Commission Keeps At It

PEACE EFFORTS RESUMED

New York, Jan. 10.

Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, Indian member of the United Nations Cease-Fire Commission, this morning met Mr Nasrallah Entezam, President of the General Assembly, to resume the three-man group's efforts for a peaceful settlement of the fighting in Korea.

They were expected to be joined by Mr Lester Pearson (Canada), the third member, later in the day.

On Jan. 3 the Commission had reported to the Political Committee its failure to initiate peace talks with the Chinese Communist Government at Peking. It was given another opportunity to prepare a statement of the principles which should underlie a Korean settlement once a cease-fire had been established.

At its last meeting on Monday the Political Committee accepted a proposal by the British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, that the cease-fire group should be given time to study the question.

The Committee is to meet tomorrow to receive the Cease-Fire Commission's statement.

So far, the Commission has not decided what "principles" for settlement it should recommend to the Political Committee.

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CANADIAN INTEREST IN ASIA

Regina (Saskatchewan), Jan. 10.

Mr H. LaPointe, Canadian Minister for Veterans Affairs, said here last night that Canada's chief defence responsibility would continue to be the North Atlantic area but she would not overlook the importance of Asia.

In a speech to the United Services Institute here, he said, "Our chief responsibility will continue to lie in the defence of the North Atlantic area."

"Yet we do not intend to overlook the importance of Asia. In my opinion it would be dangerous in the extreme to assume that the countries of North America along with the countries of Western Europe could safely allow the whole of Asia to fall under Communist domination."

Since the Soviet Union was apparently willing to risk war, Canada must design her policies to meet aggression outside Asia, he added.

Canada, he added, must also recognise the forces of nationalism and self-determination which are at work in Asia and adopt a policy to show appreciation of this upsurge of feeling.—Reuter.

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Yoshida On Jap Rearmament

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COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT

Peace Talks With Russia Should Be Continued

But Guarantee Of Soviet Sincerity Required

London, Jan. 10.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers agreed today that the Big Three Western powers should continue to seek peace talks with Russia providing there was a guarantee that such talks would not be a waste of time.

Conference sources said the Ministers also concurred with the Atlantic Pact nations' decisions on rearmament and that any "approach to peace should be made through strength."

The King Returning To London

London, Jan. 10.

The King is breaking his holiday to return to London on Friday to grant an audience to Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime Minister.

The King is at present on holiday at Sandringham Palace, his country house. He will also give an audience to Mr Clement Attlee.

It was learned that no special significance was attached to the King's return. The King was in London last week at the opening of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

He received the visiting Prime Ministers in audience but Mr Liaquat Ali Khan had not then arrived.

No new proposals to resolve the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan were put forward at the informal meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers last night.

There had been some speculation here that the Pakistan Prime Minister and some of the other statesmen present had fresh suggestions to make in regard to the settlement of the Kashmir question.

Indian sources said that no fresh proposals emerged in the conversations last night, which covered familiar ground. The meeting lasted about 60 minutes.—Reuter.

NEPALESE APPEAL FOR PEACE

New Delhi, Jan. 10.

King Tribhuvana of Nepal today appealed to his countrymen to do "everything necessary" to restore peace and order in their country.

He asked them to give their "fullest co-operation" in the steps to be taken for giving effect to the reforms announced in the capital of Kathmandu on Monday.

In a statement issued today, the King said that he welcomed the announcement of constitutional reforms "made by my Government."

"This is the first and important step in the reconstitution of the Government of our dear and sacred land on democratic lines," he declared. "In due time, I shall issue a Royal proclamation to give full effect to these changes."

Nepal's Prime Minister, General Shamsur Jung Bahadur Rana, accepting the Government of India's advice, announced on Monday a scheme of constitutional reforms whereby a Constituent Assembly will be set up next year to draw up a Constitution for the country and an interim government will be established, including popular representation.

He also announced that the King will continue to be the King of Nepal, thus reversing the Nepalese Government's action in installing his three-year-old grandson on the throne two months ago, since when a popular armed uprising has been continuing in Nepal.

King Tribhuvana said: "I now appeal to my people to do everything that is necessary to restore order and peace at once and give the fullest co-operation in all steps to be taken in giving effect to the constitutional reforms now announced."

Reuter.

Greek Royalty Visit Macedonia

Salonika, Jan. 10.

The King and Queen of Greece arrived here today on board the destroyer Navarino. They are visiting Macedonia at the same time as a Greek Government group under the Prime Minister, M. Constantinos Voulas, is here to study reconstruction in the northern provinces.—Reuter.

All the Ministers agreed that four-power talks should take place if the Western powers could get reasonable hopes of having proper talks. They all agreed that such talks should not be held under duress or threats and that there must be preliminary preparations to guarantee that they would not be wasting their time.

A communique issued after the afternoon session said: "At their meeting this morning the Prime Ministers considered supply problems. Consumers and producers of Commonwealth countries are virtually all affected by the current shortages in raw materials and other supplies and services. The Prime Ministers recognised the need for international arrangements to deal with these questions and also agreed that there should be continuous consultation between the Commonwealth countries on the subject. At their meeting this afternoon, at which the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were present, the Prime Ministers discussed the European situation."

Conference sources said the Commonwealth Ministers "recognised the gravity and urgency of the scarcity of raw materials in the world."

"There was agreement on the need for some international arrangement to tackle the problem not only of shortages but also of increasing production. It was recognised some sort of international organisation must be set up, including groups with at least one Commonwealth country in the group concerned with that country's particular problems."

They said such an arrangement possibly would entail establishment of allocations and price controls and would include both producers and consumers of not only vital strategic materials but also scarce capital goods.

They said discussions on raw materials were carried on in the assumption that the United States would be ready to co-operate in such an urgently necessary arrangement.

VITAL AREA

The conference sources pointed out that only two of the Commonwealth countries—Canada and Britain—were signatories of the Atlantic Pact so this afternoon's discussions centred largely on their commitments in Europe.

One source reported, "Everybody was in agreement that Western Europe was a vital area for the world and for the Commonwealth. The Far East was recognised as an immediate danger point but Europe was the really vital area for world security. There was general endorsement of democratic policies in Western Europe. The general approach was that it was essential for the Western democracies to be strong to give peace but at the same time cautious of being scared into precipitate action."

The Ministers agreed that the Western powers should continue to show readiness to talk peace with Russia, but not under threats.

German rearmament was discussed in general terms but the future of Germany but there was no suggestion that war policy should be deferred pending possible peace talks with Russia.

Neither Britain's nor Canada's future commitments in Europe were discussed, but the conference might return to European questions again before it closes, probably on Friday.

THE FAR EAST

After European discussions, the conference returned briefly to Far Eastern problems.

A source said, "The Ministers all had been in touch with their delegates at the United Nations and spent the last half-hour of the conference in a check-up on the latest developments. Recognition of Communist China and the latest developments in Korea were briefly discussed, particularly in relation to policies to be followed by the Commonwealth countries in the United Nations."

Sources said there had been no informal talks on the Kashmir problem during the day.

"However, all Ministers are attending a reception to be given Mr Attlee at 10 Downing Street tonight and this might well develop later into another informal get-together about Kashmir."

The Ministers were said to have left themselves free on Thursday to discuss a number of subjects they have discussed before but which still require further study.

It was understood the discussions would be mainly about latest advice from Lake's



Celebrations to mark the fifth centenary of the foundation of the University of Glasgow have been held. The picture shows the University on its commanding site on Gilmorehill, to which it removed some 80 years ago, taken from Kelvingrove Park.

Pessimism In Washington Over Attitude Of Peking

Washington, Jan. 10.

The United States was pessimistic about the chances of Communist China responding favourably to the new overtures by the United Nations for peace in Korea, the US Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said today.

Mr Acheson said at his weekly Press conference that some United Nations members thought that body should try again to be sure that the Chinese Communists knew of the wholehearted desire of the United Nations for a peaceful settlement in Korea.

Mr Acheson said that the United States was pessimistic about another approach to the Chinese Communist regime. He agreed that the United States should make it clear that it was leaving no stone unturned to reach a peaceful settlement.

Mr Acheson said that they were also discussing in the United States what would be done if the next Chinese Communist reply to the United Nations' peace efforts would be no more favourable than the earlier one.

He thought they could get general approval on that question.

Mr Acheson was asked if he could estimate the number of times it was necessary for the Chinese Communists to say "No" before the United Nations would believe them.

Mr Acheson smiled and then said that he did not have any such estimate.

Mr Acheson said he had not heard of a report that the British Commonwealth Prime Ministers had agreed informally that Communist China should be represented in Japanese peace treaty talks.

He added that he knew of no plans for the United States to seek the Chinese Communist views on a peace treaty for Japan.

Mr Acheson was asked if the reports that the United States was sending \$10,000,000 worth

for defence of the Middle East but the debatable question was whether such forces could be made available before "D-Day."

This presents a tricky problem, particularly with regard to equipment and supplies. However, the Prime Ministers were on common ground in their appraisal of the Middle East's importance and it appears probable now there will be defence talks dealing specifically with the Middle East at a later date.—United Press.

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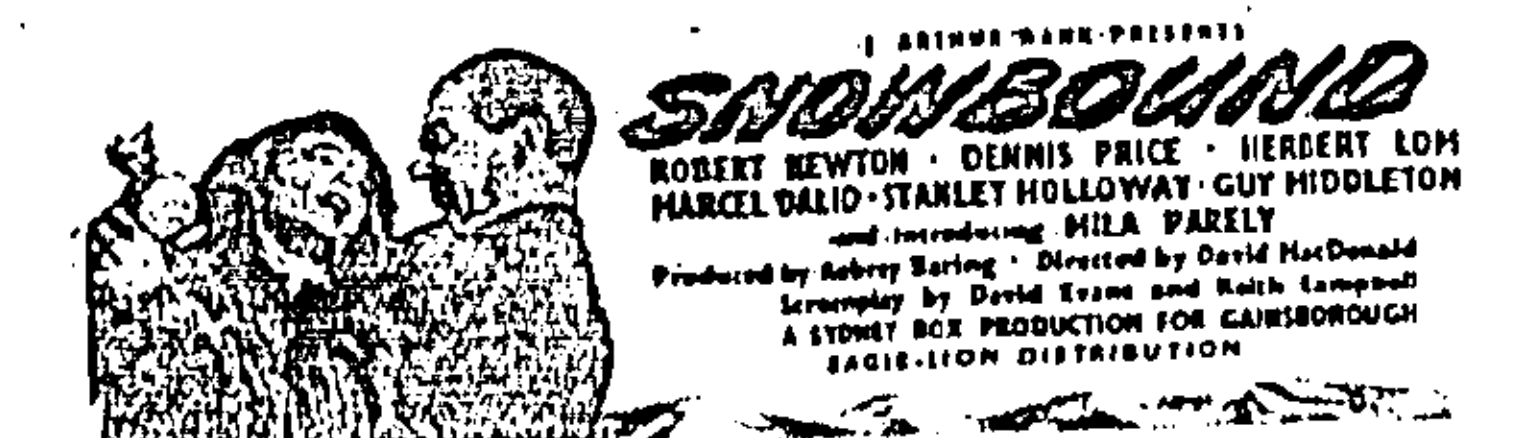
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DON IDDON'S DIARY

NEW YORK, TUESDAY

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AMERICAN resolutions and forecasts are stacked as high as the Empire State Building. I have resolved to keep my sentences short and my temper long.

I will be jovial with Joseph Kennedy and happy about Herbert Hoover, mild with Mr. McCormick and lenient with Lindbergh.

The isolationists will not ignite indignation nor the anti-British arouse acerbity. Whose cracks will try to be winning, not wounding, and over-writing will be undercut. Footnotes will aim to please even Maurice Lano Norcott.

Forecasts will be limited to this New Year's column—and to the following:

During 1951 Anglo-American relations will be declared on the rocks by both Congress and Parliament, but will emerge stronger and closer than ever.

Errol Flynn will be in the headlines.

The British will be called appeasers, warmongers, Socialist slackers, and ruthless Imperialist traders. We will be described as down-and-out and up-and-coming.

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Preston North End will enter the First Division. London will be said to be lying down on the job and also cornering all the markets.

A better year

THE British Festival will be written off as a flop and hailed as a fantastic success. It will earn no dollars and also drain the United States Treasury dry.

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The British Empire will be written off as finished and written up as the greatest stabilising influence in the world.

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The first few infant steps are at least encouraging. Everyone here is trying furiously to be polite.

The startling discovery has been made that the British are good, steadfast, loyal Allies. Henry Luce says we are stout fellows, and Hearst admits grudgingly that we have an impressive history.

The majority of Americans, still nursing their hang-overs, murmur that this is not the time to abandon Europe, Asia,

Africa, or other little outposts.

The man-hunt of Dean Acheson continues, but President Truman has largely regained his prestige. The debate seems to be doing most people good and the word-warriors are happy.

My chief worry is the damage they are doing to the language. Appalling new words are appearing in the New Year. The American scene is littered with strange people called reactionists, retrogradists, frodoists, liberationists, Estracationists, disentanglement, and disengagement are being discussed. We are mired in polysyllables and the good, clean English of Winston Churchill is desperately needed.

New call overdue

WILL he visit the U.S. and make a major speech as at Fulton, Missouri, and as at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology?

These speeches charted the course, but another more topical clarion call is overdue. President Truman cannot do it and Mr. Acheson has tried and failed. Thomas E. Dewey has not done much better. Messrs. John Foster Dulles, Herbert Hoover, and Joseph Kennedy have all spoken—but the clamour is for Churchill.

It need only be a quick trip, and, perhaps, a short speech. America would be grateful.

The country is in the mood to face reality. New Year's Eve was celebrated with appropriate roistering, but there was less drunkenness than in the past, and the cakes and night spots, though crowded with paper-capped, horn-blowing, amiable idiots, did not make as much slap-happy money as expected. The citizens have had enough junketing for a while. The people want more serious business. They have been doing some stocktaking. And what

have they discovered? Industrial production up 73 percent since 1940. Steel production up 66 percent, petroleum production up 50 percent, electric power production up 121 percent.

Rising tide

ARE you studying these figures. Marshal Stalin? The arsenal of democracy is now several arsenals in one, willing and able to match the staggering volume of output of the early forties.

The country is geared for a colossal production of weapons and the wheels are rolling. The question is when do we feel the pinch? Apart from high taxes and high prices, there has been no squeeze yet.

The American passion for newness will probably be the first home-front casualty of the national emergency.

Already the emergency has sent a slight chill down New Yorkers' spines. The sites for seven proposed atom-bomb shelters have been selected and listed. They will cost \$100,000,000.

The defence preparations are not keeping visitors away. It seems that everyone wants to come to New York. The blonde and lovely Eva Peron, wife of Argentina's President, would like to pay a visit. Now that Franco is being recognised and nodded at and bowed to, I see no reason for not giving Evita a big welcome, and perhaps a parade.

There is also talk that King Farouk is considering a trip here. By all means catch the next plane or boat. This is probably the gayest and glidest city in the world just now.

The States are wide open (the Anti-Subversive Act seems to have been sunk without trace) and the dollar-seekers surge in on a riptide.

The European influence, despite Mr. Hoover and Mr. Kennedy, is being felt. In fashions particularly.

The latest look is the dissolving line—what fashion experts call "an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary change in clothes approach."

Fold-over jackets, fluid and soft for 1951, are forecast. Presumably to dissolve first you must diet.

Film receipts up

SHOW business is bright and brisk. The seven major film companies earned three times as much last year as ten years ago.

The star system, neglected or treated haphazardly in recent years, is being revived, and we are promised dazzling new names with potent box-office lure.

On Broadway, however, it is Gloria Swanson in person, in a revival of "Twentieth Century," who has rocked the main stem. Jose Ferrer co-stars.

Britain's Clive Brook, a Hollywood star of 20 years ago, opens tonight in Robert Sherwood's "Second Threshold," and the grapevine promises a triumph.

Another Englishman, Claude Rains, is in the cast of "Darkness at Noon." Both men have been consulting Rex Harrison, whose wife, Lilli Palmer, says: "You hang on to success tightly—it's so rare."

Harrison believes New York is much more enthusiastic than London. "The New York critics use adjectives that I don't think the London critics know exist."

Flora Robson is going home because of illness, and "Black Chiffon" will close.

Patricia Morison is going to England to play opposite one of Britain's finest actors, Leo Genn, in "Page From a Diary" (not this one).

Fair exchange

FLORENCE DESMOND comes to New York to adorn the Versailles. And the new bombshell, Faith Domergue, goes to England soon to play in "Blackboard Jungle" with Robert Mitchum and Victor Mature.

The Marshall Plan and Lend-Lease in reverse continue among show-folk. Edna Best is putting sparkle on Bernard Shaw's "Captain Brassbound's Conversion."

Personal wish for 1951: To hear Joseph Stalin's farewell address.

Footnote: One good thing about the 20th century—it's half over.

Iron Beds Still In Demand

The magazine, Steel News, comments on the large number of old bedsteads now finding their way to the scrap heaps and records the amazement of Mr. T. J. Smith, purchasing manager of Colvilles, that "there are still so many of them about."

Mr Smith need not wonder, for the comparative indestructibility of these iron couches has always rated high in the esteem of the landlady and innkeeper ever since they became a popular fashion in the eighteenth century, their appeal being based more on practical rather than artistic grounds.

Chief selling point was that they were "free from insects", which, explains possibly the big demand for these beds in many countries to this day.

Unprepossessing as the iron bed may be, there have been others made of singularly uninviting materials, such as the Assyrian couch of carved stone covered with rugs. The Persians were nothing if not snug and warm, which called for the system of sleeping on a table under which it was contrived to keep a suitably guarded slow fire.

A less hazardous method was evolved by the Japanese of the whole family lying on the floor around the fire like the spokes of a wheel. Like the Persians they occasionally paid

forfeit with their lives for conditions hardly conducive to fire-mindedness.

The phrase "Get a load of this" may have emanated from the fifteenth century days when great personages travelled taking their beds with them. Their huge mattresses were stuffed with straw or feathers until they measured about 8ft. by 7ft.

The ancient Greek was much more artistic in chamber tastes and favoured beautiful pieces in solid ivory, veneered with tortoise shell and with feet of solid gold or silver.

The French kings were very fond of the most elaborate kind of bed. They attended parliament reclining on ceremonial couches often used in private, while loyal subjects knelt, bowed or stood around according to their social status. The decorative beds of Louis XIV were noted for their number as well as for their artistic merit—there were 413 of them!

In the early days of the American plantation, the bed-warming technique comprised the thrusting of a husky, healthy slave between the sheets of the master's bed. When the negro had reached the desired warmth, the master took his place.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Chirpie Sparrow's Friend

—He Was Very Proud and Had Bad Manners—

By MAX TRELL

"I'd like you to meet a friend of mine," Chirpie Sparrow was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "He's waiting on the other side of the hedge. He's a sort of chicken—I mean, a sort of rooster. But you've never seen a rooster like him!"



Chirpie told Knarf about his friend.

Knarf and Hanid said they were very eager to meet Chirpie's new friend. "Of course," Chirpie warned them as they started for the other side of the hedge, "he's a bit proud of himself. He's very good-looking. In fact, he's splendid. And he knows it. So don't mind if he struts about a little. You would, too, if you had his feathers."

The Other Side

By this time they were on the other side of the hedge. At that moment a large bird, which was standing quite still a few feet off, turned his head slightly to glance at them, then walked away.

"That's my friend!" said Chirpie. "Well, what do you think of him? Handsome, eh?"

"We can't even see him," said Knarf.

"What made him walk away?" asked Hanid. "He doesn't seem very polite, Chirpie!"

Chirpie lowered his voice. "It's just as I told you. He's a bit proud. But pay no attention to the way he acts. Ah, there, Peaky!" Chirpie called out loudly to his friend. "I've brought Knarf and Hanid to meet you!"

Peaky didn't look as if he cared to meet anybody. But finally Chirpie, by flying all around his head, managed to get him to stand still. "All right! come over!" he called back to Knarf and Hanid.

They went over. "This is my friend Peaky," said Chirpie.

"I beg your pardon," said Peaky, lifting his head very high. "I'm not usually called Peaky. My name is Percival Poppinjay Peacock. How d'you," he said, nodding stiffly to Knarf and Hanid.

"Percival Poppinjay Peacock—pooh!" said Knarf, quite loud enough for Peaky to hear. But no one could tell whether he heard Knarf or didn't. At any rate, he didn't say anything. Hanid thought it would be pleasant to play a game. Strangers became friends very quickly when they played a game.

"Let's run a race or something," she suggested. "Or we could all play tag or hide-and-seek, Mr. Peacock."

"Certainly not!" he replied. "I never play games. I might consent," he added a moment later, "to take a slow stroll down the garden path, however. But mind you, no racing!"

Down the Path

So they started strolling slowly down the garden path. Percival Poppinjay Peacock walked in the middle with Knarf and Hanid on either side of him. Chirpie Sparrow flew, or rather fluttered, on just ahead, crying out: "Clear the path! Make way!" to any beetles or ladybugs or ants that might be going about their business across or up and down the path.

Percival Poppinjay Peacock now spread his tall feathers like a great shining fan set with jewels. He threw up his head. He lifted his feet. And with each step that he took he glanced around to see if he were being properly admired.

In spite of not particularly liking Mr. Peacock's manners, Knarf and Hanid were forced to admit that he was the handsomest bird they had ever met.

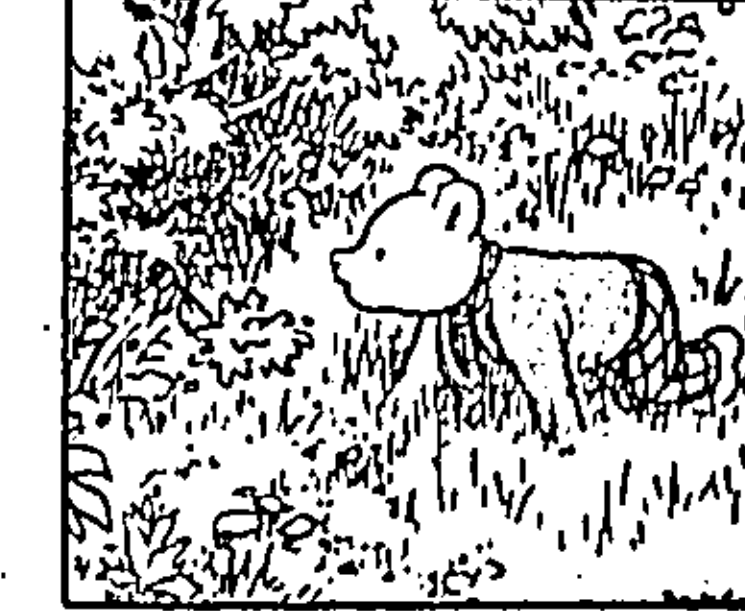
All at once he said: "What time is it, please?"

"Nearly twelve o'clock, Peaky," said Chirpie.

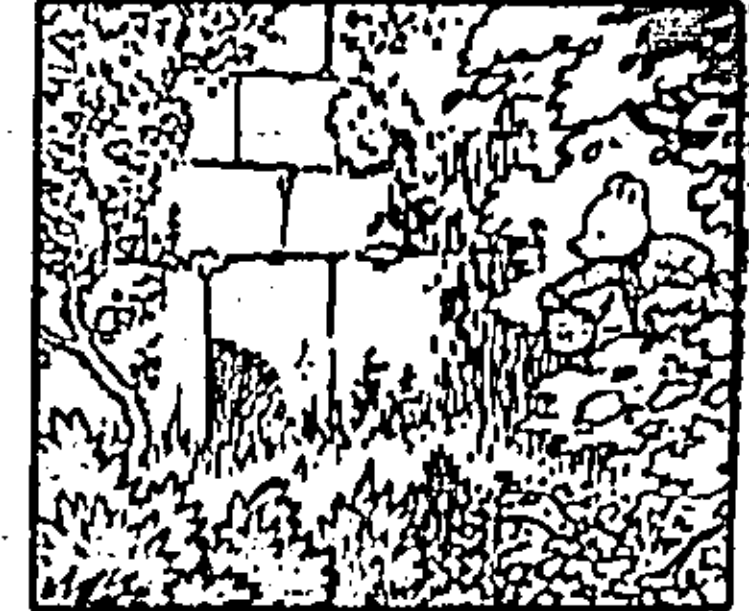
"Ah, just as I thought. Nearly lunch time. Well, good-bye whatever-your-names-are. I'm off for lunch!"

And he folded his tail into a long bunch of feathers and scampered off into the middle of the meadow to hunt for worms. "Yes," said Chirpie, laughing, "he's really only a chicken. But he is handsome. Just imagine what I'd be like if I had a tail like his!"

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—21



Taking care that Jock does not see him, Rupert starts off in pursuit. "He seems to know the way quite well," he mutters. "I mustn't lose track of him." At first it is easy to keep the little dog in sight, though when he reaches the trees Rupert has to put on speed to get nearer to him. Jock trots steadily



forward, and at length disappears through dense bushes. The little bear has to burrow his way through them, and on the other side, to his astonishment, he is faced with a solid stone wall. There is no sign of the dog, but he notes that one of the lowest stones has started to crumble, leaving a small gap near the ground.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If you keep raising the price of these cream puffs," Mr. Anderson, "I won't be able to buy 'em—and we'll both starve!"

WOMANSENSE

The Result Is— A Serious-minded Woman

New York: Miss Sharpley said the representative at the conference had no big gripe to air but some did express a little resentment at the "man's world" they still live in.

"Nowadays, a woman often plans to go on working after marriage," she said. "She has to help keep the family, and that being the case, she doesn't want an employer discriminating against her."

"She wants to be paid on the same par as the man for the same job, and have equal chance of promotion on ability."

Miss Sharpley said those were some of the findings from a conference here of the Y's business, professional and industrial girls.

More Assured

Miss Sharpley, a native of Birmingham who has been with the YWCA since 1936, believes the 1950 working woman is wiser, more assured and more aware of what she wants of the future than was her sister a generation ago.

She thinks all of it is a result of the insecure world in which the working girl grew up.

Miss Sharpley explained:

"Today's career girl is a product of a depression, World War II and the threat of World War III."

"The result is a serious-minded young woman."

Miss Sharpley hastened to add that "All this national and global thinking hasn't robbed the girl of her femininity. She worries her pretty head just as much as ever over a boy friend or a new hairdo."

Some Resentment

"And thank goodness," she added, "I'd hate the thought of our girls forgetting to be feminine. Somehow the new responsibility they've taken on has added to their appeal."

The Trumpet Line

In America a check-up with holiday ensembles and first co-ords in the women's dress field is the importance of the trumpet silhouette. It has been modified to a point where it is as wearable as it is new looking for large sizes.

The fact that the trumpet has already achieved some record in new groups: All round goes started just at the hip-line... fan pleats let in clusters at the hem... back trumpet with front left straight.

Variations of trumpets stressed in new groups: All round goes started just at the hip-line... fan pleats let in clusters at the hem... back trumpet with front left straight.

Treatment For Common Complexion Ills



Cleanliness is important if you want to avoid complexion troubles. To get at deep-down dirt, use cleansing grains once a week.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are homes that have everything a home should have except brilliantly lighted mirrors. In mirrors that are placed in a poor light the face is in a shadow, and defects that should have attention are undiscovered. This is particularly true of dust-laden pores. A magnifying mirror should be a part of the beauty equipment. It tells the truth boldly, and that is just as well.

Blackheads

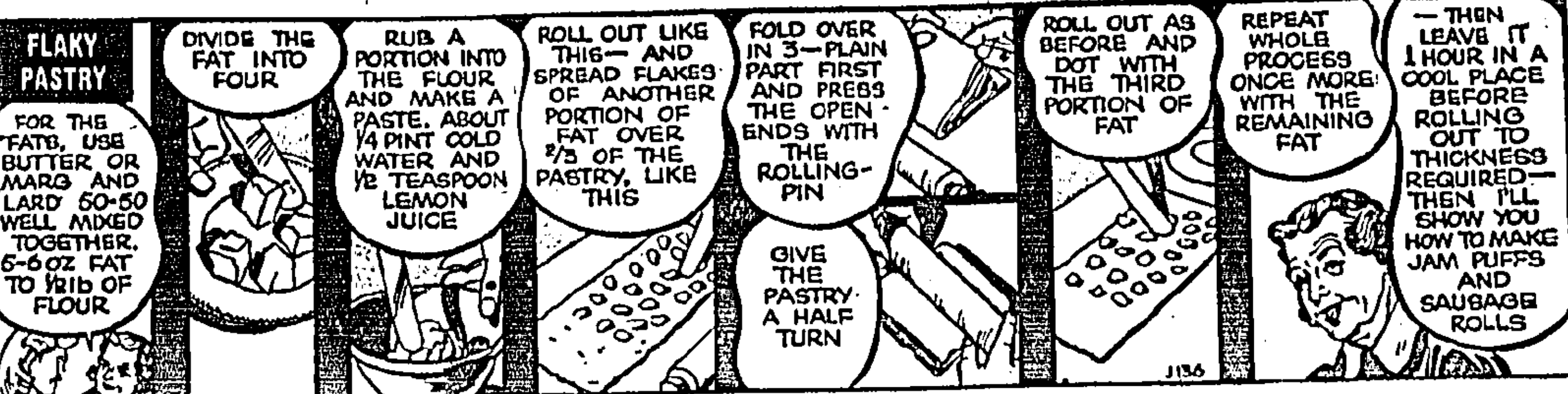
Blackheads bring along companion troubles such as enlarged pores. The character of the skin changes. Take such matters in hand before they get a good start. You best weapon is a bland soap that luffs up quickly in a lather and that can be rinsed away quickly. Faces pick up atmospheric dust, the excretions of sebaceous and sweat glands are present, and as the skin is over in a state of decay and renewal, these deposits cling to dead cells that only soap and water and friction will remove.

Use a light cream before the face washing to remove your

Use of Shaving Cream

For teen-agers who are afflicted with blackheads and pimples some dermatologists—physicians who specialise in treatment of the skin and scalp—advise the use of shaving cream. The young patient is ordered to spread the cream over the entire facial area, to fluff on a little warm water, to massage the suds into the flesh. No hurried job. The more friction the better so that the lather will be forced into the pores. Once a week, use cleansing grains to get at deep-down dirt.

The next step consists of hot, moist applications after which a healing lotion is applied. Which will serve. A solution of baking soda helps to soften the



'Stop Watch' Method Of Teaching

By C. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

THANKS to the growing ap- pre- ciation of pupils as persons, there is an increasing num- ber of classrooms in which chil- dren do not feel jumpy and hurried. The practice of setting children to work against the watch, especially in number work and spelling, so prevalent a few decades ago, has subsided. Nevertheless, there still are some classrooms in which chil- dren are greatly hampered by being hurried. There are still some older teachers who were saturated with the philosophy of stopwatch teaching of twenty years ago. There are some among the many teachers with very little professional training who either believe they should con- stantly hurry children or who, being unable to plan well, feel they must hurry their pupils in order "to cover the work."

Then there are a few teachers so eager to set their pupils to "motivated learning" and activi- ties and find these ways so satisfying to themselves and many of their children that they let their pupils continue so long at these activities, as to discover certain fundamentals as in spelling or arithmetic have not been mastered. Then these teachers will be tempted to put their children for some periods against the watch.

Counting Habit

There still lingers the notion by good many teachers that children who count when they add or subtract can best be broken of the counting habit by making them hurry. For ex- ample, if Marie Mulrooney in the fourth grade on adding 6 and 7 says to herself "6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13," tapping or counting on her fingers, or figures in her imagination as she does, she is supposed to be cured of this way by having to give the sum of 6 and 7 in- stantly. But if she must do so, she pretty surely will make a guess and often guess wrongly. Then her errors will upset her emotionally and even slow her up.

Instead of hurrying Marie to prevent her counting she should be set to memorising calmly and carefully the simple fact, "6 and 7 are 13." Once she knows the fact she can give the sum quickly. And there are only 100 of these basic addition facts and 100 of the basic subtraction facts.

Basic Facts

Since Marie well knows the meaning of these numbers and will need to use these basic facts the rest of her life, why should she not learn them by heart, two or three an evening?

A teachers' college so- phomore, writing that she always had to do number work in the grades against the watch and still counts on her fingers when she adds or subtracts. She adds: "I do not wish to admit my handicap on my pupils. I have definite ideas on how they are to be taught, among these an unhurried, calm atmosphere tops the list with any kind of timed test definitely taboo."

Household Hints

Keep a cake of soap in your sewing box and remember these tips: rub the end of thread over the soap to stiffen it and make it easier to slip through the needle eye; mark hem lines on a dark fabric with soap.

Coffee and tea stains on cups can be removed by scouring with equal parts of salt and baking soda, moistened.

Light-coloured walls, wood- work and furnishings reflect both daylight and electric light, make a room look larger and more cheerful. If the room al- ready has adequate light, use deeper shades for wallpaper, paint and curtains.

A good way to add storage space to your kitchen is to put a cabinet above the refrigerator. Allow at least two inches be- tween the cabinet and the

Sinus Infection Is By No Means Confined To Grown-ups

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

DURING recent years, doctors have come to realise that sinus infection is not by any means confined to grown-ups. Children are frequent sufferers from this condition. In such cases, it is of particular im- portance that treatment be given early because, in children, the disability can be corrected before it be- comes thoroughly entrenched as it so often does in older people.

The most common signs of sinus infection are frequent colds which seem to persist, blocking of the nasal passages and discharge, fever of a mild degree, cough, and general poor

health. Often, in children with sinus infection, there is an allergy or over-sensitivity, called allergic rhinitis. This con- dition is due to the fact that the child is over-sensitive to some dust or pollen which he breathes in. The sinus in- fection often cannot be cleared up until treatment for the allergy is carried out. This means try- ing to find the substances to which the child is sensitive and eliminating contact with them.

DEFORMITY OF NOSE

In some cases there may be a deformity of the nose which in- terferes with normal drainage. For example there may be an abnormal bending of the septum. However, surgery in such con- ditions, as a general rule, is not carried out until the child has reached full growth.

Irrigation of the sinuses may be carried out in these children with good results. When the irrigation solution enters the sinus cavities, it dilutes the secretions and the infected material then drains out. The nose normally keeps itself clean by the action of the tiny, hair- like structure on the mucous membrane known as cilia. When the secretions are diluted by irrigation, the cilia can resume their normal action

of keeping the nose free from secretions.

IRRIGATION TREATMENT

The irrigation treatment is repeated every other day for three or four treat- ments. Treatment with the antibiotics, such as penicillin, do not seem to be of a great deal of help. However, in some few instances, when used locally in the nose and when given by injection, they may be of benefit.

If the child seems to have frequent colds or nasal dis- charges, he should be carefully studied by the physician to determine whether or not a sinus infection is present; then proper treatment may be utilised.

Medical Questionnaire Since the birth of my fourth child my abdomen is high. Is there any exercise you can give me to reduce it somewhat?

Answer: Bending exercises, and athletic activities, such as walking and swimming, may be helpful. A general loss in weight would probably also make the abdomen less notice- able.

The wearing of a supporting belt should be considered, since there may be a great deal of relaxation of the muscles in the abdominal wall.

Short and Sweet



By ALICE ALDEN

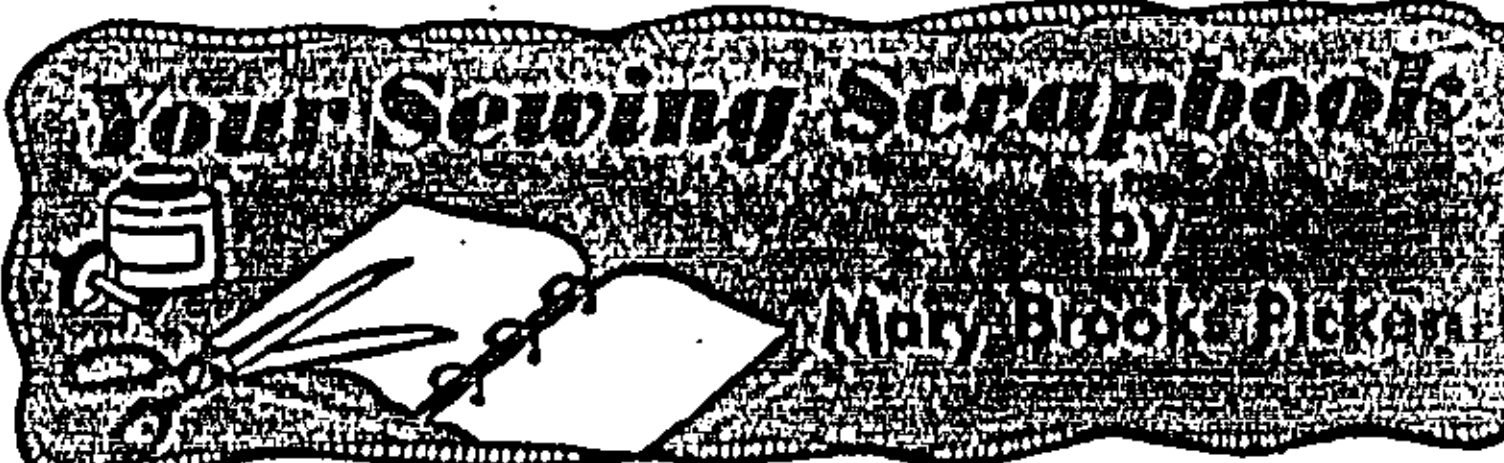
THERE'S plenty of glitter for evening wear, but mostly it is discreetly handled, especial- ly by master designers. Kiviete is responsible for this handsome short-skirted dance dress, done on strapless, princess lines. The show off a pretty figure. An iridescent white damask, its sheen emphasised by all-over embroidery of tiny crystal sequins and pearls. The short-skirted evening dress is still in the lead except for most gals of events.

SUITS OF SKINS

In the London collections was seen a fine doekskin suit with a basque which dipped right down at the side to a point. A scarlet and red spotted suit, very simply cut, with curved revers and a backrest, was worn over a neat waistcoat made of the reverse side of the material.

And to finish on an imprac- tical note, there was a black, scarlet and grey check coat lined with dazzling white lambkin; and a black perstan lamb, hip-length coat, with smoked pearl buttons giving a double-breasted effect.

Simon Massey showed an outfit called "Foker and Dike." The top coat was in large green and black checks. It was worn over a suit in the same coloured smaller checks.



A Cowgirl Skirt With Gay Bolero Jacket

GAY, colourful, happy to wear and sure to make a hit are these outfits. Little sewing skill is needed, since they are so easy to make.

For a skirt and bolero you need 1 yd. 36" felt in a bright red, green, royal blue, orange or brown; 3/4 yd. velveteen or corduroy for bolero in a harmonising or contrasting colour, 3/4 yd. of 36" felt for fringes and 8 of the brightest imitation jewel buttons you can find, 3/4 yd. lining fabric.

Skirt. Lay felt flat. A is at centre of one 36" edge. B is 1/3 waist plus 1/2" to left of A; C is waist, to hem from B.

Fringe at the Bottom

Keep skirt short, and re- member fringe is added to bottom.

With one end of string held at A, chalk an arc from B around to D, and another from C around to E. Cut on these two curves.

From piece cut out at waist- line, cut 2" wide strips. Lap ends of strips together and stitch for waistband.

Cut 2 cuffs from corner pieces, as indicated. Pink ends and top edge of cuffs.

Seam ends of skirt together, starting 4" below top edge for back opening.

The Centro Pleat

Fit skirt. Pin pleat in centre front to take up any excess in waistline. Check length and decide on depth fringe desired.

Remove skirt. Stitch waist- band to right side of waistline. Face waistband with lining fabric or stitch 1 1/2" grosgrain ribbon. Use large hook and eye to close.

Cut fringe as described be- low. Lap top edge of fringe on.



over bottom edge of skirt and stitch 1/4" from edge.

Fringe. Cut strips from fringe from 2" to 3" wide. Pink one edge. Slash other edge to within 1/2" of pinked edge as in F.

Bolero. Cut paper pattern according to dimensions in- dicated in diagram G. Fit pattern, if possible, before cutting from fabric.

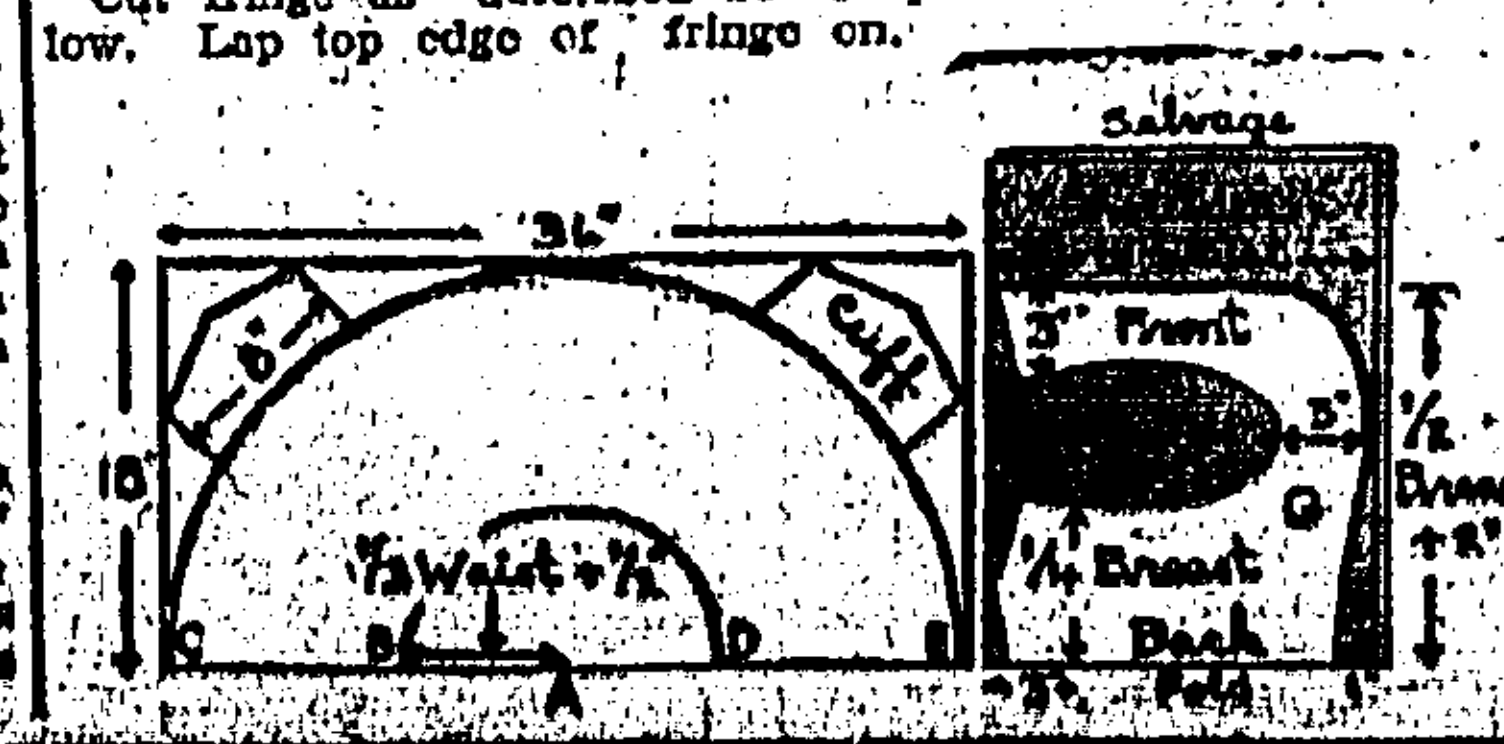
Fold bolero fabric in half lengthwise, right sides to- gether. Lay pattern on as shown, and cut out bolero. Cut lining from same pattern.

Bolero and Lining

Stitch shoulder seams to- gether in both fabric and lining. Lay right sides of lining and bolero together, stitch around outside edge, leaving back neck open, and turn garment right side out through this opening.

Turn edges of armholes to- ward each other and slip stitch together. Close neck opening with all stitches. Tack fringe and buttons to bolero as shown in illustration.

Line cuffs in same way as bolero. Lap and use large snaps to close. Tack buttons



Formal Frock & Coat



By PRUNELLA WOOD

ANYONE is entitled to boost a favourite without having some one say it's personal bias. So we'll claim this heavy ivory satin frock, with its own long coat of soft Parma violet coloured velours, as our pet for this winter season.

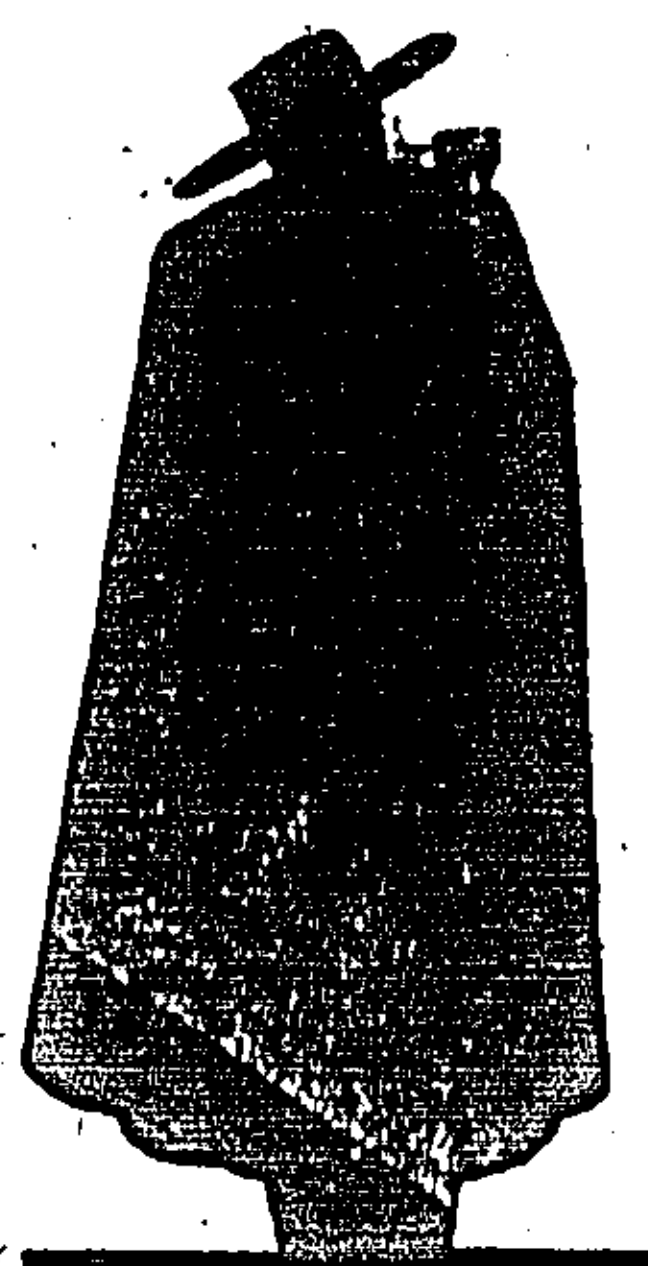
You couldn't find anything prettier or more un- affected looking than the dress with its slim bodice and waistline, its graceful skirt; and the coat with its straight front and tabbed pockets extending onto the flaring back, will be a standby years after the dress has perished of too much ardent wear. Trigere has made a small series of duos like this, and all are lovely, but this creation of purple violets and white gets our vote.

Beautiful Dance Steps



By ALICE ALDEN

GIVE that beautiful daidie dress the shoe it deserves, not a dressy afternoon shoe, but a definite evening shoe, such as is shown here. This sparkling dress shoe cleverly combines an open and closed feeling. The crossed straps encircling vamp and instep are adorned with metal studs and imitation stones. A pleated edge closes the toe, and the single leather sole of this Faller, de Liso, shoe contours up the illusion of a platform while providing foot ease. The asymmetric and angular last with the towering heel is also news for the fashion picture ahead.



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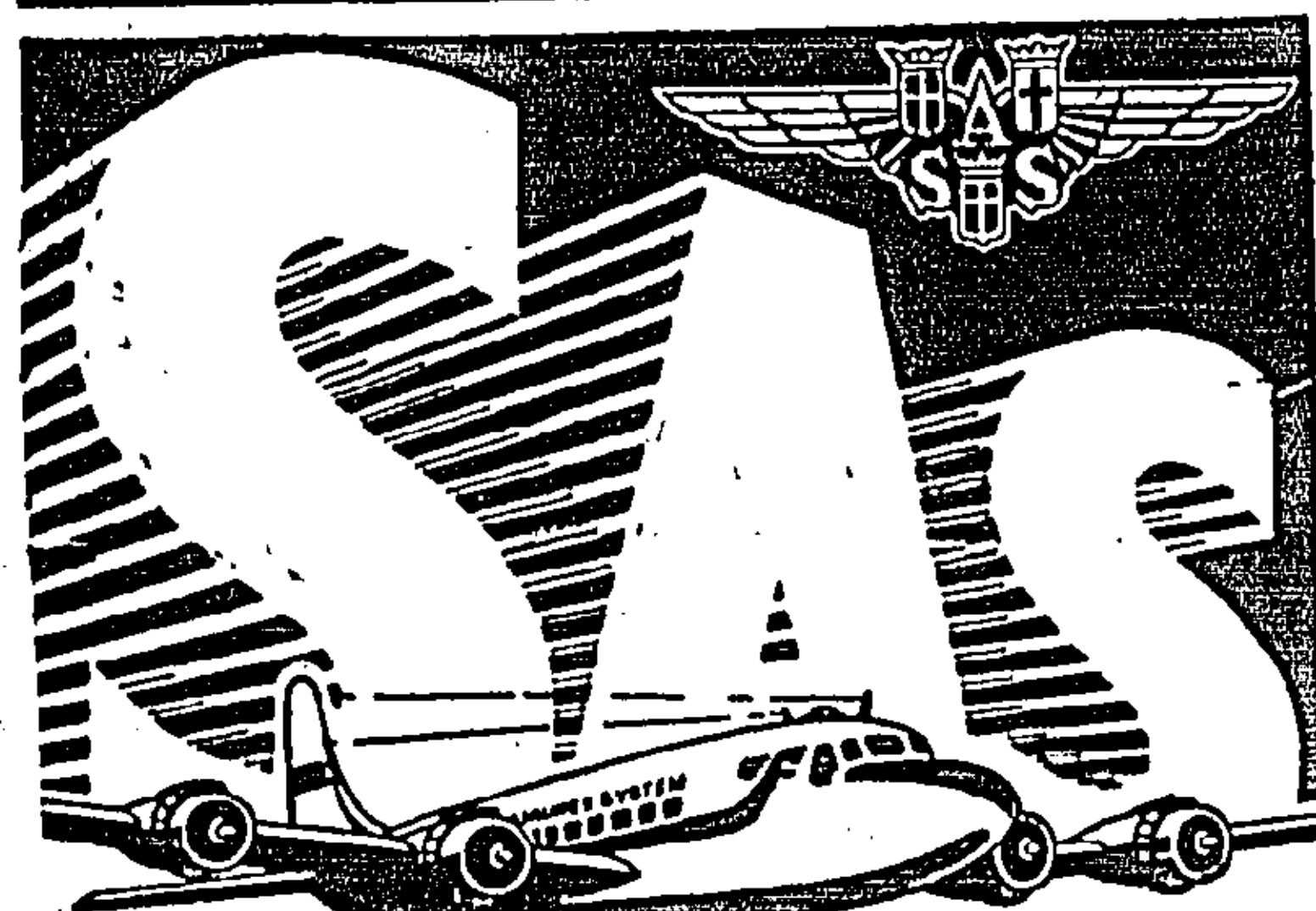
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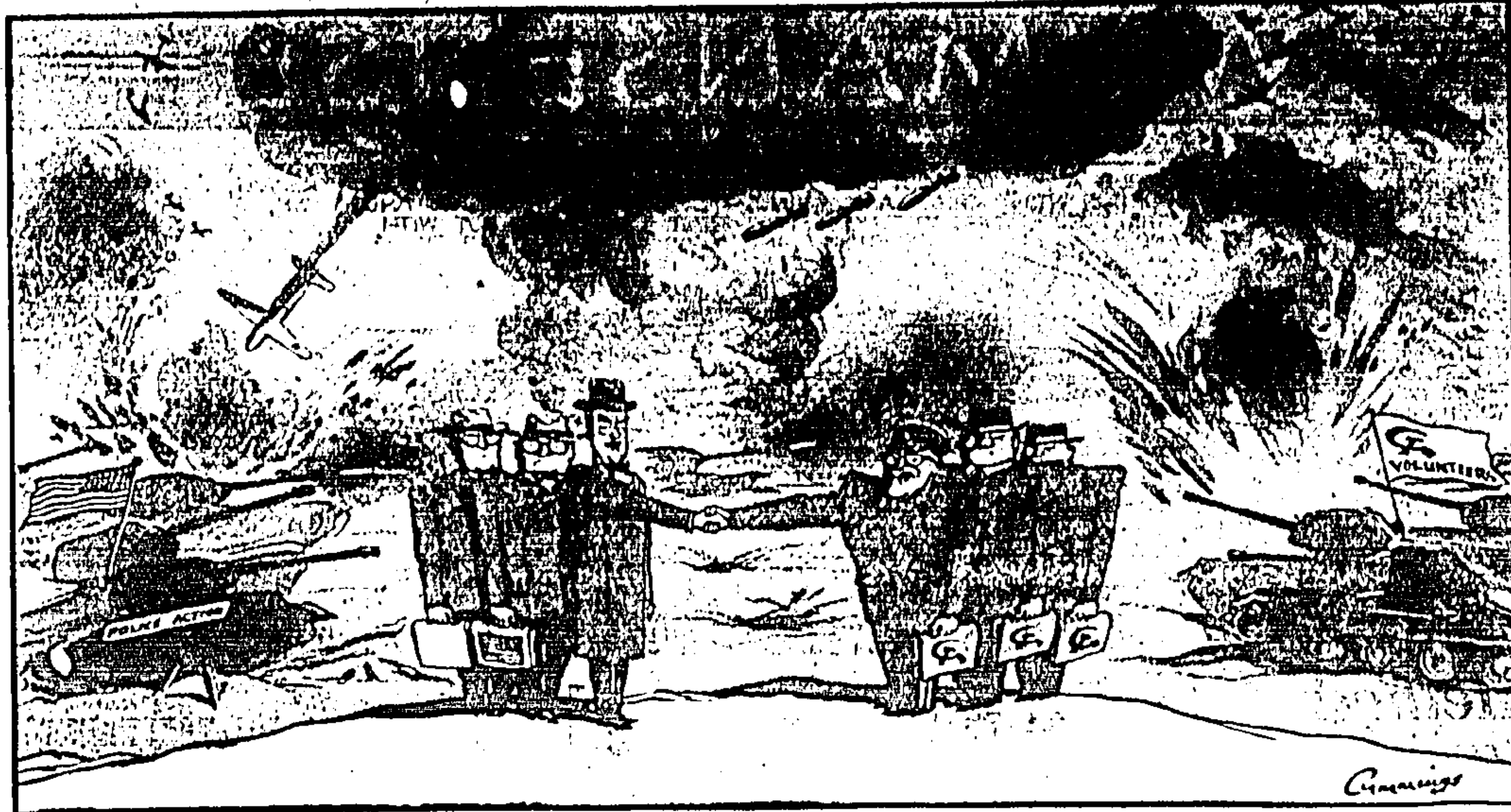
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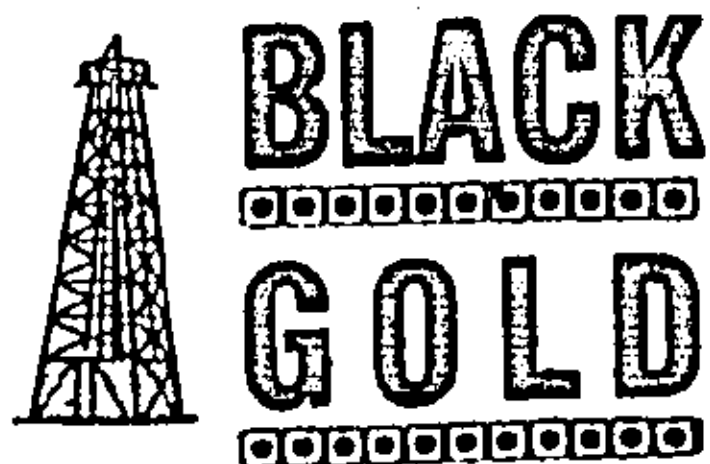
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In Persia the row grows over the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, in which Britain has a controlling interest. This control stems from a master-stroke by WINSTON CHURCHILL, when he was First Lord of the Admiralty in 1914. To protect the Navy's oil he talked the Government into putting up £2,000,000 for the company. Today that investment is worth £62,000,000.



GIRLS BREAK FROM SCHOOL, LEAD MARCH

By **ERIC GREY**

THREE hundred and fifty girls broke out of Tehran's high school. The gates were locked, so they gaily climbed a 9ft. wall while the headmistress and her staff looked on.

It might have been a prank. But the girls gravely took their places at the head of a mile-long student procession and marched to Parliament square. (The boys' teachers had been more co-operative. They let them out by the front gates.)

Over their heads they waved banners covered with graceful Persian script. An English-speaking bystander obligingly translated them for me. "Abolish the oil concession" and "Nationalise the British oil company" were the main slogans.

Outside Parliament thousands took them up.

RUSSIA'S HAND

HOWEVER much the idea may appeal to Persian national pride, most Persians are fully aware that they have neither the technical skill nor the experience to exploit the fabulously rich oilfields in the south which their rulers leased to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company 42 years ago.

Some profess to see Russia's hand in the current agitation against what has now become Britain's largest single investment in the Middle East—a giant which produced 30,000,000 tons of oil in the year just ended.

For while the Tehran Press is lashing itself into a

fury against the oil company, Russia has never been on better terms with the Persian Government.

But old-timers here take a different view. They call this "the greatest hold-up of modern times."

'NATIONALISTS'

THE girls who broke school to march in the procession, the rows in Parliament, the anti-British articles which fill the Tehran Press—all are the work of eight members of Persia's House of Commons. They style themselves the "National Front."

With understandable cynicism in a country where political office is regarded as the legitimate road to riches they have set themselves the task of bringing down the Government on the oil issue by turning it into a question of national pride.

The student march nearly brought them success. The Government avoided defeat only by pulling its supporters out of the House so that there was no quorum when the division was called.

General Aly Razmara, Persia's tough, hard-bitten soldier-premier told me he has no intention of resigning. But he also said that he is now compelled to seek negotiations for a new agreement with the oil company.

That is where the "hold-up" element comes into the picture: There is a new agreement with the company. It was negotiated two years ago. Under its terms a cheque for £45,

000,000 is waiting to be collected by the Persian Government when Parliament ratifies the agreement.

The Government needs the money badly. Much of its foreign exchange has been squandered on the high-powered American cars which crowd Tehran's streets, and other luxuries. The Treasury is almost empty. And where to find funds with which to pay the army of civil servants in the next months is a problem. General Razmara therefore, was anxious to see Parliament ratify the agreement.

Instead of doing so, Parliament was thrown into a turmoil by the agitation of the National Front. Its members roundly denounced the general and his Government as "traitors," and accused him of selling Persia's birthright for a pittance £45,000,000.

MORE ROYALTIES

"I trust," the general said, "that the oil company will be more flexible when we start our new talks."

"It is nonsense for us to talk of nationalising the company—we cannot run a cement factory ourselves. So how could we manage Abadan, the largest oil refinery in the world?"

"But we do want a better agreement."

That, in simple terms means higher royalties. And the oil company is by no means certain that it can pay them.

REFUSED

THE Americans recently completed a giant pipe-line from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean. Another is being built from the rich Kirkuk fields in Iraq.

The Anglo-Iranian company has been refused permission to build a pipe-line across Iraq to the Mediterranean. It has to send its oil by tanker around Arabia and through the Suez Canal—which adds 3,000 sea miles to the journey to Britain.

So while the low-royalty field at Bahrain is rapidly expanding production of cheap oil, it is unlikely that the Anglo-Iranian company will seek to increase production this year.

"Paying higher royalties now will be like killing the goose that laid the golden eggs," company officials here say.

Meanwhile, the National Front sports another feather in its cap today. An Indian oil company, learning of the rumour in Parliament, has cabled its good wishes to the Front leaders and offered to purchase all Abadan's output—and when the Persian Government nationalises the company.

—(London Express Service.)

TV TO WORK FOR FITZ

By **McKenzie Porter**

TELEVISION in Canada will be no enemy of the cinema. Six top-flight scientists in Toronto are making sure of that.

They are employed by John J. Fitzgibbons, C.B.E., president of Famous Players Canadian Corporation Ltd., whose 883 theatres, reaching from coast to coast, draw three million patrons weekly, produce £6,500,000 profits annually and dominate the amusement industry in Canada.

Television will not begin in Canada before next autumn. This delay has given far-seeing Fitzgibbons time to meet its menace. South of the border television caught U.S. theatre owners eating the lotus they grew during the war. Now there is a scramble for bread in what is tactfully known as "a period of declining box-office grosses."

'Piped' movies

FITZGIBBONS, who had seen it coming and has no intention of letting famine overtake his own fabulous business, says blandly: "By the time T.V. is popular in Canada we shall have had a chance to profit by American mistakes in coping with its challenge."

Recently, Fitzgibbons bought £30,000 worth of experimental T.V. equipment, hired six expensive experts, put them into a laboratory and told them to transform television, the cinema's most potent foe, into its slave.

Today the company is planning central projection rooms in every Canadian metropolitan area. From these movies may be "piped" to surrounding cinemas. This will save overheads by reducing the need for projection apparatus, by cutting the number of movie copies required and, through elimination of fire risks in auditoriums, it will eliminate many costly precautions.

Stage shows, too

DEVELOPMENT possibilities, says Fitzgibbons, are almost limitless. A single projection room for his entire group of theatres all over Canada is no longer a pipe dream. Fitzgibbons visualises ultimately a stage from which big "live" shows could be televised as supplementary attractions to films.

The amount of revenue from paying audiences, he argues, will permit radiation of shows infinitely superior to any which orthodox television stations will be able to provide for home viewing.

Already Fitzgibbons has his own mobile television unit. Many more are to come. These units will eventually bring news direct to the screen.

"At the moment," says Fitzgibbons, "not more than 20 per cent. of the population sees any given film, even the best ones. By television we hope to increase the viewings of high quality pictures. This in turn will stimulate producers to make better films."

Film producers, he says, will always have the whip hand over ordinary television stations by withholding from them any picture which still retains box office pull.

He laughs at the idea of the movie camera being relegated to the attic. It is much wider in

scope than the television camera and always will be. The movie camera can go back and retake a feeble scene. It can record news events which the television camera loses into thin air the second they happen.

Cinema's answer

FITZGIBBONS says antagonism between the television and movie camera will not last long. They will become complementary. Neither will be capable of giving the public satisfaction without the other.

"Experiments now taking place in three-dimensional movies," he says, "will produce as great a revolution as did the advent of sound."

And he adds: "Three dimensional films are much nearer than everyone thinks."

The voice of this lanky, sandy-grey, sixty-year-old Irish-American, who was decorated by the King for services to Canada during the war, rings with authority. He is older than the industry in which he has thrived. As a boy of fourteen he started showing custard pie comics in a converted fishmarket in Meridon, his Connecticut birthplace.

Once before when movie chiefs dithered over a novelty called "the talkies," Fitzgibbons cut the cackle and bought 30 units of sound equipment against the orders of his parent company's New York caliph, the great Barney Balaban.

Ho got a cigar

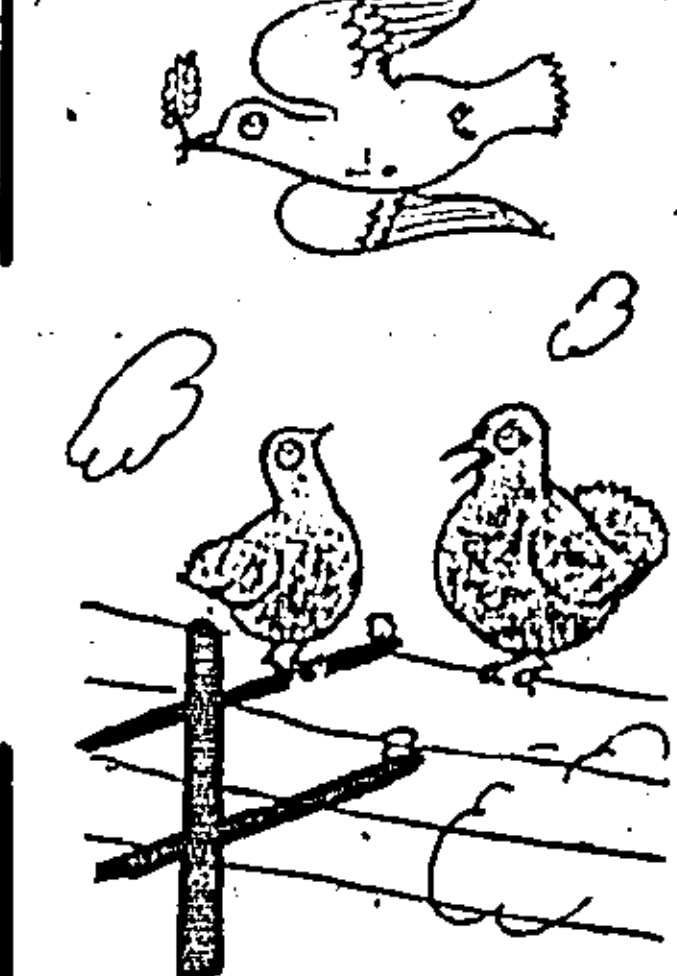
AT the time Fitzgibbons was bossing a small Famous Players of America circuit in New England, Balaban was about to fire him for squandering money on crackpot paraphernalia when, just in time, he changed his mind. Fitzgibbons' sound-equipped circuit was "packing 'em in." Instead of the boot Balaban gave Fitzgibbons a cigar and promoted him to head the Canadian subsidiary.

In twenty years Fitzgibbons has built up the original group of 18 theatres into the present chain of 883, and become one of the most influential men in Canada. The Prime Minister calls him "Fitz."

"Television doesn't frighten Fitz. But there is another problem which does keep him awake, a problem which he believes is well-nigh insoluble. Wryly he calls it "The problem of the rising costs of baby sitters."

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THE CASE OF THE HOWLING DOG

By Erle Stanley Gardner

THE telephone rang. Mason picked up the receiver.

"One of Mr. Drake's detectives on the line, and he wants to report to him at once," Della Street said. "He says it's important."

Perry Mason turned the receiver over to Paul Drake.

The receiver made swift metallic noises, and a look of surprised incredulity came over Drake's face.

"You're sure about that?" he asked at length.

The receiver made more noises.

Drake said, "I'll be damned," and hung up the telephone.

He looked at Perry Mason with eyes that still showed startled surprise.

"Know who that was?" he asked.

"One of your men?" asked Mason.

"Yes," said Drake, "one of my men who's covering the police headquarters, picking up tips from newspaper reporters, and all that stuff. He told me that the police have positively identified the gun that was found in Foley's house; the gun that killed the police dog and Foley."

"Spill it," Mason said; "go ahead and tell me. Who bought it?"

"The gun," said Paul Drake slowly, his eyes watching Perry Mason's face in concentrated scrutiny, "was purchased in Santa Barbara, California, by Bessie Forbes, two days before her husband ran away with Paula Cartwright."

Perry Mason's face became wooden. He stared at the detective in expressionless appraisal for nearly ten seconds.

"Well," said Drake, "what have you got to say?"

"I'm not going to say anything," he said. "I'm going to take back something that I did say."

"What?"

"When I told you that at the proper moment I could bust that case against Bessie Forbes wide open."

"I," said Drake, "am doing a lot of mind changing myself."

"It's all right," Mason said slowly. "I still think I can bust that case wide open, but I don't know."

He picked up the telephone, placed the receiver to his ear with a slow, deliberate motion, and when he heard Della Street's voice, said, "Della, get me Alex Bostwick, the city editor of The Chronicle. Call him on the line, personally. I'll wait."

The expression of surprise gradually faded from Paul Drake's eyes, and his face resumed once more its look of droll humour.

"Well," he said slowly, "that hands me a jolt. I'm commencing to think you either know more about this case than I thought you did, or else that you're crazy like a fox. Mason, it was a good thing Mrs. Forbes didn't rush out and make a lot of explanations to the police."

"Perhaps," Perry Mason said softly, then turned to the telephone. "Hello, Alex. Perry Mason talking. I've got a hot tip for you. You always claimed that I never gave you tips so that your men could dig up a scoop. Here's one that's a pippin. Have a reporter go out to 4893 Milpas Drive. It's the residence of a man named Arthur Cartwright. He'll find a housekeeper there who is dead and crumbly. Her name's Elizabeth Walker. If your reporter will draw her out, he'll find that she knows who murdered Clinton Foley. . . . yes, Clinton Forbes, who lived at 4893 Milpas Drive, under the name of Clinton Foley. . . ."

"Yes, she knows who did the killing."

"No, it wasn't Bessie Forbes. You get her to talk. . . ."

"All right, if you insist. She'll tell you that it was Arthur Cartwright, the man for whom she works, and who has mysteriously disappeared. That's all. Goodbye."

Perry Mason dialed the number 4893. Paul Drake's detective bureau.

"Paul," he said, "Perry Mason talking. I'm going to shift my guns in that murder case a little."

"You don't need to shift your guns," said Drake.

WEALTHY Arthur Cartwright accuses his neighbour, Clinton Foley, of teaching his dog to howl to annoy him, but this Foley denies and he tells the police Cartwright is insane. Perry Mason, the lawyer acting for Cartwright, accompanies the police to Foley's house to inquire into the matter, and there is told by Mrs. Thelma Benton, the housekeeper, that she has been bitten by the dog. Foley also finds his wife has run away with the man next door. Private detective Paul Drake, hired by Mason, discovers that the

woman who has been living with Foley as his wife is in reality Mrs. Cartwright and Foley is really Clinton Forbes. They ran away together some years previously, but Cartwright has managed to trace them. Mason goes to see Foley by appointment one night, but finds he has been shot to death in his house. The dog has also been shot. The police have their theory about the case, and suspect Mason of shielding his client. Perry Mason decides to make some investigations of his own in the course of which he finds Foley's wife, Bessie, is in town.

every point of the case now," Drake told him.

"You haven't seen anything yet," Mason remarked. "And I want you to concentrate on Thelma Benton. She's got an alibi that covers every minute of her time, from the time she left the house, until she got back. I want to find a hole in that alibi some place, if I can."

"I don't think there's any hole in it," Drake said. "I've checked it pretty thoroughly, and it seems to hold water. Now I've got some bad news for you."

"What is it?"

"The district attorney has found out about Ed Wheeler and George Donke, the two detectives who were watching Clinton Foley's house. They've got deputies out looking for them."

"They got wise to those birds through the taxi driver," Perry Mason said slowly.

"I guess so," said Drake. "The deputies found them?"

"No."

"Are they likely to?"

"Not unless you want them to."

"I don't want them to," said Perry Mason. "Meet me at my office in ten minutes, and have all the reports on this Thelma Benton."

Perry Mason caught a taxi-cab to his office, and found Paul Drake waiting for him with a sheaf of papers.

"All right, Paul," he said. "What have you found out?"

"There's only one weak point in the alibi," the detective said. "What's that?"

"That's this Carl Trask, the gambler who showed up in the Chevrolet and took Thelma Benton from the house. She was with him at various places until eight o'clock. I've checked the times when they showed at the various places. There's a gap between seven-thirty and seven-fifty. Then they drifted into a speak and had a drink. Trask left shortly after eight o'clock, and the girl went over herself. The waiter remembers her perfectly. She left about eight-thirty, picked up a girlfriend, and went to a picture show."

"Her alibi is going to depend on Carl Trask's testimony from

around seven-thirty to seven-fifty, and on the girl's testimony from eight-thirty on. But we don't care about busting the alibi after eight-thirty. Bessie is the time you want to concentrate on, and from all I can find out, that's going to rest on Carl Trask's testimony, and, of course, that of Thelma Benton herself."

"Where does she claim she was?" Mason asked.

"She says she was down at another speak, having a cocktail, but nobody remembers her down there. That is, nobody has yet."

"I," said Perry Mason moodily, "she could find somebody down there who remembered her it would give her a pretty good alibi."

Paul Drake nodded wordlessly.

"And," said Perry Mason slowly, "if she can't, it's going to be a weak spot, if we can impeach Carl Trask in some way. You say he's a gambler?"

"Yes."

"Any criminal record?"

"We're looking it up. We know he's been in minor troubles."

"All right, look him up from the time he was a kid down to date. Get something on him if you can. If you can't, get something that won't sound good to a jury."

"I'm already working on that," Drake said.

"And the deputies are looking for Wheeler and Donke?"

"Yes."

"By the way," said Perry Mason casually, "where are those two birds?"

Paul Drake looked at Perry Mason, and his face held the innocence of a child.

"I had a very important matter to investigate in Florida," he said, "and I put those two fellows on a plane and sent them there on the job."

Perry Mason nodded appreciatively.

"Good work, Paul," he said. "He made little drumming gestures with his fingertips on the desk, and abruptly said, 'Where can I reach Thelma Benton?'"

Eisenhower H.Q. gets a face lift

PARIS ... a column of Capital News ... by R. M. MacCOLL

THE Kaiser picked out the Hotel Astoria as a cosy spot from which to watch the victory parade of his goose-steppers. He had to cancel his booking. But the hotel that was the last word for Kaiser "Bill" is considered outdated for Eisenhower.

Captain Ed Minton, of the United States Army, said: "Painters who sing all the time are repainting everything. Decks, filling cabinets, and adding machines go out to make room. Some privates were billeted here until the other day. Their beds went yesterday."

The officers and men who used to be here—Eisenhower's D.P.s—they have been dubbed "the new new quarters" in such direct reference to the

French beauties nightly defying pneumonia.

But the smoke-filled house is brought down repeatedly by 12 English dancers dressed in a manner of which every mother would approve.

There I met Diana Shergold, a blonde, green-eyed "moss" of 24, and her mother, wife of an East Coast business man, in Paris for Christmas.

Ma: "My proudest moment was when I heard an American at the next table say, 'Where in the world do they get these girls? They are lovely.'"

Diana: "When we are not actually on-stage, we do not waste our time with silly gossip in the dressing-room. Out come the French exercise books."

Ma: "That's Diana all over—always ambitious."

Diana: "No vulgarly here. Even when the audeas come on they are holding glorious big butterflies."

PARIS fashions

SMART women nowadays do not think of wearing their bracelets on their wrists. Just too old-fashioned for words, my dear. Where then? Where but in the hair!

The chignon is pulled down at the back into an imitation of the little terra-cotta statues of Padua. In Greece, of course, it is called a "pauze" and is

bracelet (diamonds if you are a brunette or redhead, rubies or emeralds if you are blonde).

PARIS ruination

IN post offices all over France officials have been patiently opening envelopes, whipping out the Christmas cards, and counting the words.

Five words or fewer on a card cost 2d. More than five words put it into the threepenny bracket.

Efficient these men are. Not one card from friends in America and Britain reached me without a gay little festoon of postage-due stamps.

The postman holds out the under-stamped letters and cracks his well-tried joke: "But, monsieur, your British friends are trying to ruin you! Ha, ha, ha!"

"Ha, ha, ha," I respond, less heartily.

PARIS ignorance

ALTHOUGH I live in Malesons Laflitte, which is one of the big French home-racing centres, my ignorance about horses is almost total.

The other day, however, I met an American who went one worse.

Said he: "Until recently, I thought that a form sheet was one of those things that you



Who earns the BIG money?

WHERE DO YOU stand in the wages scale?

I have been investigating some of Britain's highest and lowest paid jobs, and here are the results:

Several years ago a few top film stars could earn up to £20,000 a picture. And they were lucky to make two a year. But earnings are less now.

On London's stage you can earn £100 to £400 a week, but it is in-and-out kind of work with high expenses.

There are novelists who earn £30,000-£60,000 with a successful book, orchestral conductors with £5,000-a-year incomes, and jockeys who rein-in £10,000 a year and more.

Legal 'plums'

An ordinarily successful K.C. can today gross from £5,000 to £10,000 a year, and a Junior £2,000-£3,000. A handful of K.C.s at the profession's peak earn around £30,000.

Accountants who can untangle other people's income-tax problems are in the big-money class. Nowadays they often go into industry and business, where they can earn £10,000 a year and more.

Since the National Health Scheme Harley Street has lost much of its lustre. Before the war a Harley Street address could mean £30,000-£40,000 for a specialist.

Now the average yearly earnings of a top-class consultant are £5,000-£7,000. Only a few fashionable men touch £15,000. By doing only National Health work a consultant earns £1,400 to £2,750.

About 250 are given extra merit money of £2,500; another 750 get an extra £1,500, and about 1,140 a further £500.

Dentists' £4,000

Dentistry is a gold-plated profession. This financial year 9,495 dentists will share the bulk of £40,000,000 in fees, which gives an average of around £4,000.

Advertising was a particularly high-paid job before the war. Then a top man was paid £10,000 a year. Now the peak is about half.

Chemical consultants and analysts can earn anything from £5,000-£20,000.

Architects, surveyors, accountants, education officers, and town clerks employed by local authorities are good, steady jobs. A negotiation committee has recommended that their pay should rise to a minimum of £2,100 to between £3,000-£4,000.

Women get less

At the other end of the scale there are many jobs with weekly wages well below the national average of £8 4s 1d.

Trades with a basic minimum of between £4-£4 10s. for the lowest grade of workers, include button manufacturing, coffin furniture and cement-making, jute, toys, stamped and pressed metal, warts, keg and drum-makers, cotton-waste, reclamation, rope, twine, and boot and shoe polish.

In all these jobs women are paid less.

Engine drivers get a minimum of £6 4s.-£6 10s.-Outside London a dustman earns £5 9s. 6d.-£5 12s. 6d. for a 44-hour week, and county council roadmen £3-£5 10s.

Women domestics in hospitals get £3 14s. to £4 2s., while men porters, messengers, and labourers have a minimum of £4 17s. to £5 5s.

Among the lowest-paid are girl cinema usherettes, who are paid from £2 5s. to £3 5s. in London, according to the grade of cinema.

In the provinces they get £1 10s. to £2 4s. 9d. in the lowest-grade houses to £2 10s. to £2 15s. 9d. in the classy picture palaces.

Waitresses and cashiers in unlicensed refreshment bars and buffets are paid £2 17s. 6d. to £3 2s. 6d. and waiters £4-£4 5s. with meals. On top of this, however, are tips, which often average £1 a week.

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Saturday, 13th January, 1951.

There are eight races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races - \$10.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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Tuning Up For The Big Game



K. R. MacGraigle, making a forehand return during practice for the Metropolitan Open Table Tennis Championships which are now taking place at the Polytechnic, London.

Pennant Aspirants Reach Crucial Stages

By GRANDSTAND

With the regular football fixtures nearing the end and the final playoffs looming ahead, the games during the coming weeks will be watched with interest as pennant aspirants reach the stage when a setback may mean complete elimination from the torrid race.

Some teams, however, are still hanging on to the slim mathematical chance of the league leaders being upset while others need only win their remaining games, but in the Ladies League the tussle between Wahooks and St Teresa's this Sunday assumes vital importance as these two rival teams are only one game apart.

From the outset of the season, the female scuffle for the China Mail Shield has been between the Wahooks and St. Teresa's, the others being poor also-rams. A victory for the Green Owls this week will mean the retention of the coveted Trophy for the fourth consecutive year, while a loss will see the two squads deadlocked for top honours, the Owls having beaten the Terries in the Opening Day till.

In the minor loop, the Black-hawks, Rexes and Dragons are assured of playoff berths, with the Delawareans hot favourites for the other slot, but this can only be realised if they hurdle the unpredictable Aces this week.

While pennant talk is hot during the waning weeks of the flag chase, the forthcoming semi-finals of the International Series which had been slated for January 28 will encroach into the spotlight, as the rabid fans are looking forward to the impending Battle of Nations with Portugal, China, Great Britain and United States locked in a four-way struggle.

The Philippine seniors having dropped out of international conflict this season, only three teams will vie for the title, China having drawn a bye, Great Britain will meet Portugal in the first round of the knockout contest.

STRONGEST EVER

Great Britain has never yet acquired the title in the ladies section of this series, but their bid for the Shield this year is their strongest ever lined up: Les Castro has been placed in charge of the training and means business, having called for a knockout session this Saturday at King's Park commencing 3.00 p.m. The following players have been selected and are requested to report to Coach Les Castro at the practice: Dolly Brown, Peggy Barrows, Rosie Whelan, Gwen Dragon, Marie Rull (Wahooks), Joyce Guest, Sheila Howard (Squaws), Joyce Pomeroy, Tania Tomlinson, Thelma Coelho (Clovers); Patsy Johnson (St. Teresa's); Carolyn "Bobbie" Lee, June Lee, Betty Park, Dorothy Park, Tracy Brown (Pirates) Norma Maher, Gladys Maher and Vera Brown. (White Fangs).

The General Council who have been in recess during the recent festive season will meet again tomorrow afternoon at

Examination For Referees

An up-grading examination for Class II and Class III soccer referees will be held at the offices of the Hongkong Football Association on Friday, January 20.

Those who wish to sit for this examination are requested to send their names to the Secretary of the Association not later than Tuesday, January 23.

A limited number of the latest "Referees' Chart and Players' Guide to the Laws of the Game" have been received and are available at 60 cents a copy at the Association.

5.30 p.m. at Doc Molthen's Office, Shell House, for the purpose of discussing several pertinent subjects. It is understood that included in the agenda will be a discussion on the question of affiliation to the recently formed Sports Federation.

HOCKEY LEAGUE

Another Win For Army XI

(By "OBSERVER")

Army, potential champions of the Men's Senior Hockey League, hung up their ninth straight win of the season yesterday, beating a depleted RAF XI by three goals to one.

The army men were without five of their regular players, and although the Army team, playing at full strength, were never at any time in danger of losing, the losers gave a surprisingly good account of themselves. The R.A.F. defence in which Jeffrey at goal, Winters at left-back and Bullock and Hemmings in the half-line were particularly prominent, stood up exceptionally well to the repeated onslaughts of Gardner and company. The forwards, however, without McMullen and Brown on either touchline were a lost group.

Army were taking things rather easily and although they had had luck on a number of occasions, were never up to their usual form. Gardner claimed the hat trick, scoring all the three goals.

SUCCESSIVE SAVES

The army men held up for the first 15 minutes, until an upfield clearance along the middle sent Gardner through. Weaving his way through three defenders in the "D", he flicked the ball past Jeffrey for Army's first goal. From the bully-off, the R.A.F. goal was bombarded again and Jeffrey made three successive good saves.

A free-hit for Army just outside the R.A.F. "25" was snatched by Gardner, who drove the ball hard into the far corner of the goal. At the interval Army led by two goals to nil.

In the second half, Army dominated play but shots at goal went either just wide or miraculously deflected. R.A.F., however had two golden chances of scoring thrown away, when two very good centres from the right in front of the goal-mouth were mislaid. Five minutes before the end, a perfect back pass from the goal-line by Mackenzie was converted by Gardner with a first-time. Just before the final whistle blew, a mislaid by one of the Army defenders allowed Aziz to run through on his own, ending with a push into the net.

THE TEAMS

Army: Partridge, Stubbs, Webb, Dudley, Fitzgibbon, Grant, Lambie, McKenzie, Gardner, Clarke, Taylor.
R.A.F.: Jeffrey, Wilson, Winters, Small, Bullock, Hemmings, Williams, Miller, Card, Aziz, Khan.

Brilliant display by Andrews in goal

By "HOTSPUR"

Before a fair crowd, chiefly of soldiers at Sookanpoo yesterday, the 58th Medium Regiment, RA became the champions of the Army Association Football Major League (Zone 11), defeating 15th Observation Battery, RA in the final by two goals to one.

The game itself was mediocre, the better of the two poor teams just about making the grade.

Considering that the Regiment had three Army players and one Hongkong Football Club representative in their team, they should have given a much more polished display. Their victory came only after a hard and determined fight all the way.

A brilliant performance of goalkeeping by Andrews, the Battery goalkeeper, kept the score down to a minimum and to him the Battery owe their thanks for not having gone down by a bigger margin. Hudman, the Army player put up a fine defensive show for the 58th whilst Edwards who also played for the Army was well held by York and did not have many chances. Fryer at inside-left for the Battery was very weak and muffed scoring chances throughout the game. Had he been more consistent, Battery might have caused a surprise.

The Regiment were the first to attack but were pulled up for being offside. The inside-right of the Battery was giving his winger many good passes but Hudman seemed to nip in just at the right moment and relieve the pressure. Both sides were attacking in turn with perhaps the Battery forwards playing the nicer game. However, the Regiment finished more strongly and Andrews brought off many good saves. Offside prevented Edwards from going on to score and from a right wing by the Regiment their centre forward just put inches over the bar. Offside then spoiled a promising move by 58th whilst Edwards trying again was crammed out by right-back Smith. Andrews then saved a hot shot by Phillips at the expense of a corner which was subsequently cleared with difficulty.

A run down the field by Hudman ended in Miller missing from only a few yards out. The Regiment were now doing all the attacking and had Andrews in action repeatedly and from one hot drive by Phillips he made a fine full length save. From a corner York made an open goal and coming again he was up for offside. A forceful run down the wing by Fryer ended in McIntosh giving a corner from which Edwards fired high over the bar. The interval arrived with no score.

YORK SCORES

On the resumption the 58th went into action at once and Andrews saved a nice drive by Phillips. A fine run down the field by Pether saw York score in the 6th minute with a fast ground shot which gave Andrews no chance.

Exeter Pulls It Off Handsomely

London, Jan. 10.
Exeter City beat Grimsby Town by four goals to two in a F.A. Cup third-round replay today.—Reuter.

Norwich City Is The Club Of The Moment

By ARCHIE QUICK

The club of the moment is undoubtedly Norwich City. Twenty-two League matches have they gone without defeat and this tremendous sequence has taken them to the top of Division Three South, although Notts Forest, with only a point less, have played one game fewer. Norwich's only defeat was in the first match of the season on August 19—a tie home to Port Vale.

It is the first time Norwich have headed the table since they won promotion from it seventeen years ago, and the enthusiasm in East Angles is at fever pitch. They are averaging 30,000 gates, and the remarkable thing is that in the middle of their successes they transferred their star player, inside forward Ryder to Portsmouth for £2,000. They are now busily engaged resisting offers for most of their other men, especially Welshman Hollis who is in line for a "cap."

The record Norwich have set their hearts on is to surpass Burnley's run of thirty games without defeat in the League in season 1920-21. It is a great strain to keep up these undefeated runs for every club strains to beat you and every match is a Cup Tie. In fact, Norwich cannot be doing their promotion chances any good by continuing undefeated. They will be a better side when they have been beaten. This was shown by their two partial failures against a none too good Brighton and Hove Albion eleven over the Christmas holidays.

CURIOUS COINCIDENCE

When Duggie Lockhead, the Norwich manager, was involved in a car accident near Carlisle which resulted in the death of



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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A MAN was boasting to me the other day that he had one of those new cars in which, said he, "There is a button for everything—even for opening or closing the doors."

"Is there a button for trousers?" I asked curiously. "How do you mean?" he answered. And I could see that he was annoyed at the possibility that his car was not perfect. "What trousers?" he asked. "Anyone's," said I. "Surely," I continued, "among all those buttons, there is a spare one for a trouser or waistcoat emergency." "I wasn't talking of that kind of button," he said indignantly. "Well," said I, "I wouldn't be seen in a car that was designed without giving thought to people's trousers. A fine fellow you'd look like if you couldn't get out of the car because all the buttons were off your breeches, and you had to sit there with them falling about your feet." "Don't be a fool," he said coldly, and moved away. But he was rattled, I'm glad to say.

The ghost of a horse

A CORRESPONDENCE about the ghosts of dogs recalled to me Wally's Dutton's experience. He heard a noise in the night, came downstairs, and saw a horse carrying its head under its leg. It walked straight through a wall and then disappeared with a sound of clanking harness-chains. Next day he told Swinburne about it. "It's not me that's seeing things this time," said the poet, laughingly.

Trombone lullabye

Nowadays one expects some misunderstood genius to write a

piece of music for a couple of trombones. (Article on music).

I HAVE myself set to music a tender "Lullabye for Four Trombones."

If your face is really your fortune

(Blow, my bully boys, blow)

Here's a penny, dear Miss Pibblesstone,

For the poorest girl I know.

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DUMB BELLS

I SAVED TEN CENTS TODAY: I RAN ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL BEHIND A BUS!

NEXT TIME RUN BEHIND A TAXICAB AND SAVE A DOLLAR

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